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Strong Nazi Pressure On Italy To Intervene VALUE OF DUCE'S ASSURANCE QUERIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

QUARTERS CLOSE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID MUSSOLINI ACTUALLY ASSURED THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ROME THAT ITALY DOES NOT INTEND TO MODIFY HER POLICY OF NON-BELLIGERENCY, FOR THE TIME BEING.

The opinion is held here that Italian intentions will be guided firstly by the British decision to divert Mediterranean shipping, and secondly by the lack of Italian military and psychological preparedness for immediate participation in the war on Germany's side.

Nevertheless American political and military quarters think the Italian attitude is likely to undergo an immediate change according to Mussolini's personal decision and Fascist interests.

The impression prevails here that the Italian people are not prepared for the idea of a fight against the Allies, although they will readily follow Il Duce.

The virulence of the anti-Allied press campaign is proof enough that the people are being prepared for a positive decision.

Meanwhile it is stressed in Washington that the Reich is exerting very strong pressure on Rome and is trying to show Italy the superiority of the Nazi air force over the Allied fleets in Norway.

It is thought here that Mussolini is apparently not fully convinced and will stick to his present equivocal attitude as long as possible, supporting Hitler merely by demonstrations aiming at proving the solidity of the Rome-Berlin Axis.—Havas.

Is Il Duce Committed Too Far To Retreat?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Italian developments are viewed pessimistically in Westminster and by personalities close to the British Government.

The Rome report that Mussolini gave reassuring indication to the U. S. Ambassador is not confirmed here.

IT IS FEARED IN LONDON THAT IL DUCE HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TOO FAR AND IS UNABLE NOW TO TURN BACK.

The Dalmatian coast seems the most threatened area and the Allies are

contemplating possible measures to be taken there.—Havas.

Balbo Newspaper's Jingoism

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The "Corriere Padano," Marshal Balbo's newspaper, bitterly complains of the Allies' attitude towards Italy.

"The Allies utterly lack psychology," it asserts. "They should understand Italy can no more bear, both physically and morally, their arbitrary control of the Mediterranean."

"Italian shipping is submitted to arbitrary Allied decisions. Our goods, even those shipped to Italian ports in Africa or vice versa, are unduly delayed. A postal censorship is being imposed on Italian mail."

"Italy will show she can expel the intruders and restore her independence."—Havas.

American Assertion

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

American quarters assert that Mussolini yesterday assured the U. S. Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, who asked for information regarding Italian intentions in the Mediterranean, that Italy will not enter the war in the near future.

Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, conferred at length with Sir Noel Charles, the British charge d'affaires, the situation in the Mediterranean as a sequel to the British decision to divert British shipping to the Cape was discussed.

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RUMANIANS FORESEE TROUBLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

The newspaper "Timpul" asserts that information from the capitals of various belligerent states indicates the imminence of important military and diplomatic decisions.

Prevailing opinion here is that the neutrals are again faced with a situation which should make them take all possible precautions against suffering Denmark's fate.—Havas.

ITALY MUZZLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Fascist authorities seem to be trying to suppress any statement favourable to the Allies.

It is reported that a member of the Fascist party in Venice suffered dis-

GERMANS AT NARVIK DOOMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, To-day.

The Germans are considering the imminent evacuation of Narvik, according to the correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter."

The correspondent says foodstuffs are becoming scarcer every day and the German authorities have decided to evacuate to Sweden all non-combatants in the besieged city, including 134 Norwegian soldiers taken prisoner.

The Germans seem to think they can hold Narvik for only another eight days at the most, and German officers are hastily preparing departure.

It seems possible the Nazi officers will try to cross the border to Sweden in order to avoid being made prisoner.—Havas.

disciplinary measures after publicly expressing himself in favour of one belligerent nation "which was once Italy's ally."

It is also learned that the case of a Fascist journalist who made a statement against Germany has been examined by the authorities.—Havas.

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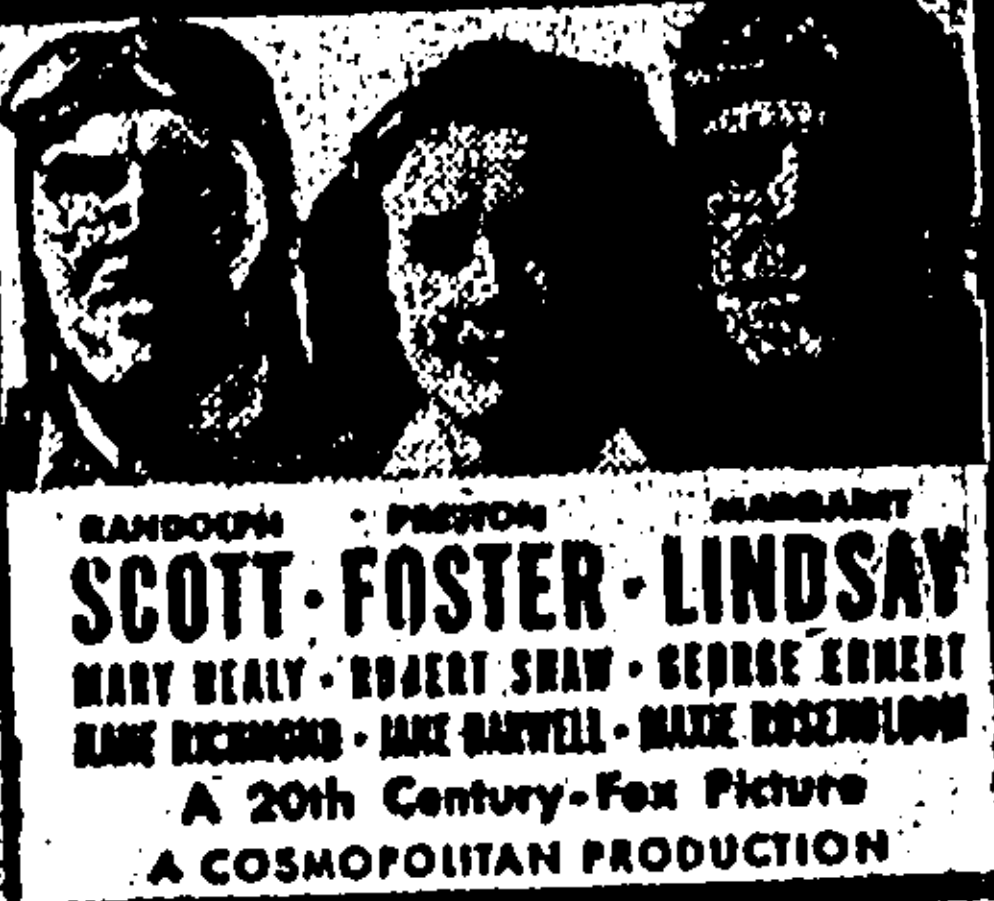
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Time has to be harnessed. Nothing less than the greatest effort the British people are capable of putting forward is enough to ensure victory. It was inevitable that as the war proceeds they would have bad days as well as good days. The enemy was truly formidable.

No scruples would hinder the Nazis. If they had no pretext for aggression, some pretext would be invented.

Ridiculing Ribbentrop's statement that the Allies and Norway had plotted an act of war, Mr. Eden said that no one with any knowledge of the facts of Norwegian life and policy could believe so false a lie.

Norwegian history and tradition dubbed Ribbentrop a liar.

Only the German people could believe such a statement—because they could learn nothing else. Such was the power of the totalitarian propaganda machine.

"There can be no peace for anyone until the whole Norwegian people again enjoy their freedom under their own king in their own land."

NOTHING LESS

Emphasising the Allies' superior resources Mr. Eden said: "It is not enough to be content with the existence of those resources and to repeat that time is on our side."

"Time has to be harnessed. We have to marshal our resources rapidly and vigorously."

"Nothing less than the greatest effort of which the British people are capable is enough to secure victory."
—Reuter.

MAY DAY IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
ALTHOUGH "MAY DAY" IS PRIMARILY A SOCIALIST PARTY DAY, LEADERS OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND PEOPLE OF ALL SHADES OF OPINION PARTICIPATED IN YESTERDAY'S SWEDISH CELEBRATIONS.

Speaking at an open-air gathering, Premier Hansson said that they had met inspired by the common desire to maintain and defend the neutrality and independence of Sweden and to safeguard the democratic regime of the country.

To this end they would use all the means in their power. They were determined to defend and maintain their neutrality and independence, come what may.—Reuter.

ILE DE FRANCE ON SECRET MISSION

New York, To-day.
The French liner Ile-de-France sailed last evening. Her destination is unknown.—Reuter.

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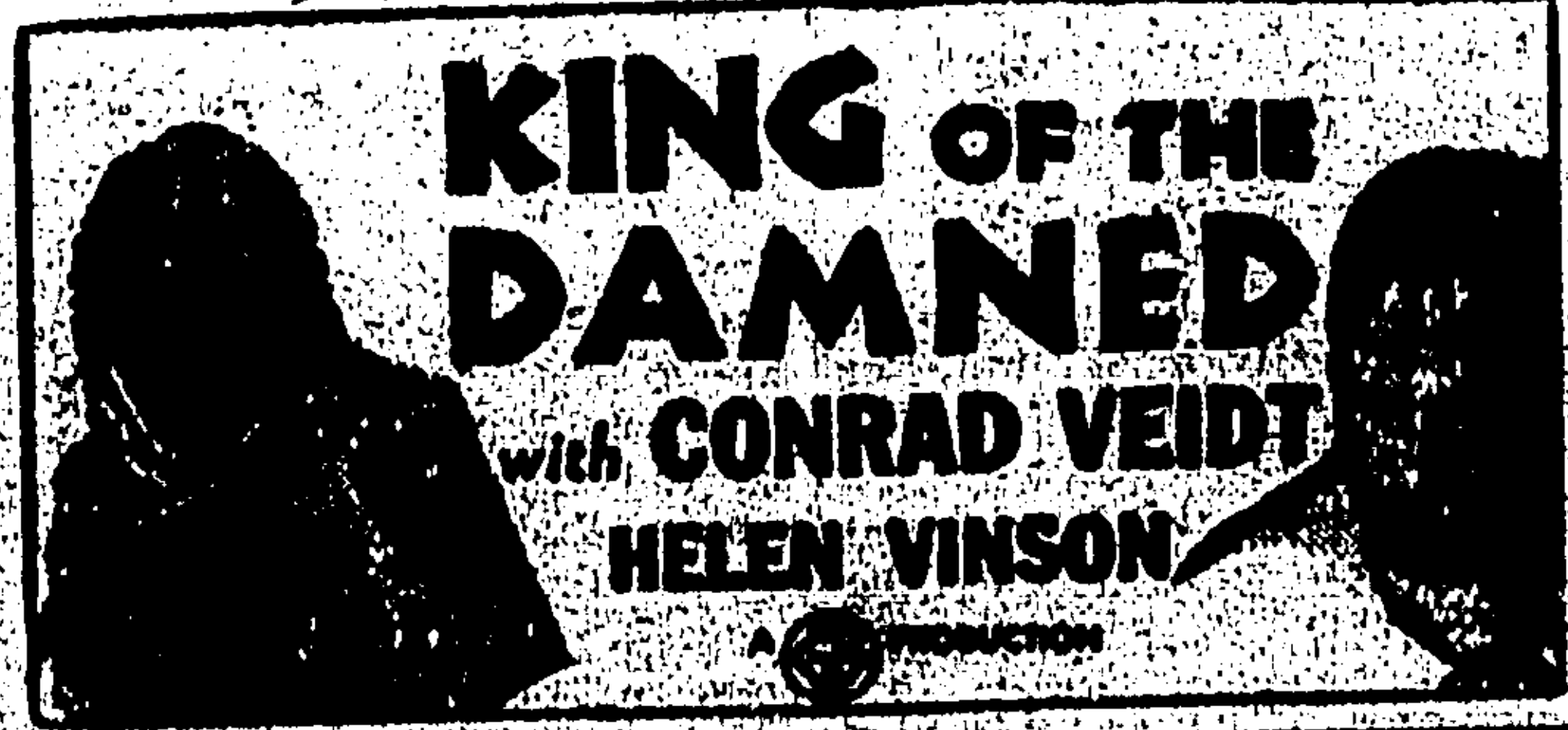


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NAZIS RIOT— MANY SHOT

German soldiers at Kutna Hora, in Bohemia (formerly part of Czechoslovakia), have mutinied, according to reports from the German frontier.

They refused to leave for the front because they had been promised leave, and as punishment, every-fifteenth man was shot.

Other reports of serious incidents between German soldiers and officers, and between Austrian reservists and Prussian officers in Bohemia and Moravia, are also confirmed from a reliable source.

ACTOR FINED UNDER DEFENCE REGULATIONS

Charged with possession of letters with the intent of sending them out of the Colony otherwise than by Post, Poon Kam-shing, 32, actor, was fined \$25 by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning.

Det.-Sgt. Michie said accused was found in possession of the letters on board a ship bound for Haiphong last Tuesday.

Defendant had stated that the letters were recommendations from his friends to enable him to find a job in Haiphong.

PEACE AND ORDER IN SINKIANG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Since 1937 there has been no disturbance in Sinkiang province which is administered by the provincial government of Urumchi under the authority of the Chinese Government in Chungking, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a Commons question yesterday. — Havas.

R.A.F. MAN CATCHES A SNATCHER

Whilst assisting a boy to board a bus in Jordan Road, near Nathan Road, yesterday morning, Mrs. K. A. Burgess, of Hillwood Road, had her handbag snatched by Li Choi, 24. Li was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

The snatcher was caught by Sergeant Broomfield, of the R.A.F., who was commended by the Magistrate.

LOITERER GAOLED

Appearing on remand, Lam Hei, 30, charged with loitering in the garden of No. 262, Prince Edward Road was sentenced to one month's hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

Defendant was arrested by Mr. Searle, A.S.P., Kowloon.

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ALL-DAY AIR RAID

Bombardment Of Stavanger Aerodrome Goes On Swarms of R.A.F. Planes Used For Attack

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED FROM AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE THAT THE AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF STAVANGER WAS RESUMED YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN THE R. A. F. BOMBER COMMAND LAUNCHED A DAYLONG RAID.

No enemy fighters were encountered on the raid; damage inflicted on previous raids was plainly visible as the weather was perfect and visibility extended to 50 miles.

The aerodrome was attacked with a large number of high explosive bombs and bursts of smoke and flame recorded a series of hits on the landing ground.

All the British aircraft returned safely to their bases.

The British forces employed in the raids on German bases in Norway on Tuesday were among the largest and strongest yet engaged in a single night operation.

The raiders ascertained that in four days since the last raid on Stavanger much of the damage previously inflicted on the landing ground had been repaired, and numerous enemy aircraft were seen on the aerodrome and hidden in adjoining thickets.

Running Fights

At the beginning of the attack enemy fighters ascended and in a series of running fights one Messerschmidt 109 was shot down into the sea.

During a later attack the enemy fighter opposition was intense.

After dropping their bombs, which burst near the aerodrome buildings and started fires, two British bombers were seen to be pursued vigorously and engaged by four Messerschmidts.

One of the latter burst into flames and crashed into the sea. One British bomber came under concentrated fire and was forced down into the water.

A third Messerschmidt was shot down.

Third Phase

The third phase of the attack came soon after dark when another force of bombers started a series of raids which continued until the early hours of yesterday.

Altogether it is known that four enemy machines were brought down.

Among the ascertained results of the raid on Fornebu, near Oslo, was a fire which was visible over 30 miles away.—Reuter.

Badly Damaged

Fornebu aerodrome near Oslo and the Aalborg airbase in occupied Denmark were also bombed and badly damaged in the course of night attacks by other forces of the R.A.F. Bomber Command.

Seven British aircraft out of the large force employed in the attacks on the three bases—one of the strongest forces yet engaged in a single night operation—failed to return.

The three important enemy air bases were heavily bombed and damaged and four enemy aircraft are known to have been destroyed in the air in addition to a much larger number that may have been hit in the air or destroyed or damaged on the aerodromes.

When the advance guard of the British raiding force reached Stavanger in the late afternoon, large numbers of enemy aircraft were seen on the ground. High explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on the aerodrome and among the stationary aircraft and were seen to burst within the target area.

Meanwhile, enemy fighters had taken off and in a series of running fights, one Messerschmidt-109 was shot down by the rear gunner of a Blenheim who, after firing a short burst, saw the victim turn to port fall off in a spin and crash head on in the sea.

Stronger Force

Following soon after the first raid, came another and still stronger force of bombers.

Approaching in a shallow dive, the British bombers launched their attack from different directions, battering the ground defences and registering hits on all parts of the aerodrome. Salvos of high explosive bombs were seen to straddle the principal runways and explode in line from the centre to the northwest boundary. Other heavy bombs burst parallel to the runway and along the side landing ground close to enemy aircraft.

Fighter opposition was intense and on leaving two British aircraft were pursued vigorously, engaged by 4 Messerschmidt-109 and Messerschmidt-110 fighters. A Messerschmidt 109 closing in on the rear-most bomber was seen to burst into flames and crash into the sea. A minute later, the British bomber came under the concentrated fire of several attackers and was forced down into the water.

Nazis Break Off

Two other British bombers were also engaged by 2 Messerschmidt-109 fighters. As British formation dived from 2,000 feet almost to sea level, the tail gunners returned the fire and after 4 short bursts, one enemy aircraft burst into flames and crashed into sea, its companion then breaking off the engagement.

The third phase of the attack on Stavanger came after dark, when another force of bombers subjected aerodrome to a series of raids that continued into the early hours of the morning.

Strong opposition was encountered from ground defences but employing varying tactics of approach, the aircraft succeeded in reaching their objective and inflicting still further damage on the airbase.

During the attacks on Aalborg and Fornebu aerodromes during the night, high explosive and incendiary bombs

GERMAN MOVE IN DANUBE

London, To-day.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns news has been received in London from a reliable source that a number of armoured German patrol vessels disguised as barges have reached the lower Danubian waters. Some of the vessels are anchored at Rustchuk.

This step is regarded in London as a characteristic German flouting of the authority of the riverine governments and the Danubian Commission.—Reuter.

ESBJERG INCIDENT

London, To-day.

When the Danish town of Esbjerg was hit by British bombs through an error in the early days of the war, the British Government accepted liability to pay compensation.

At the beginning of March, the Danes not yet having made a claim, the British Legation in Copenhagen reminded the Danish Government of the previous undertaking to pay full compensation.

The Danish Government made public at the time the renewal of the offer by the British Legation but no statement of the damages suffered at Esbjerg had been received by the British Government before the Nazi invasion.

It is interesting to note that the Nazis are now implying that the British Government has withheld the compensation promised.—British Wireless.

U.S. REPRESENTATIONS IN GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

An important amount of war material sent by the United States to Finland, Sweden and Norway was seized during the German occupation of Bergen, according to the "New York Times."

The booty included 500 Thompson sub-machineguns, several million rounds of ammunition (destined for Sweden), 400 Ford trucks bought by Finland, and several planes for Norway.

The journal adds the U.S. Embassy in Berlin has made representations to the German Government asking for the trucks to be delivered to Finland.—Havas.

were dropped. A fire visible some 30 miles away was started by the first attack on Fornebu.

Huge Fire

Later aircraft, arriving just before midnight, were guided to their target by this fire as it burnt fiercely on the edge of the aerodrome. Guns placed round the aerodrome and on the promontories east and south of it attempted to screen the target with a barrage of fire but could not hold off the attackers who ran the gauntlet of the powerful defences and dropped bombs on hangars and runways.

One large hangar was hit and set on fire and with incendiary bombs new fires were started most of which were still blazing at the end of the end.—British Wireless.

MAGNETIC MINE IN CLACTON EXPLOSION

London, To-day.

The German plane which crashed at Clacton-on-Sea on Tuesday/Wednesday night was a minelaying plane, and so great was the damage caused that it is thought that at least one magnetic mine exploded.

The crew of four were killed. Three civilians were killed and over 100 injured.

After cruising around for half an hour trying to find a place to land, the plane ploughed through a row of houses in the residential district. There was a terrific explosion and a large crater marked the spot where the machine came to rest.

Two houses were completely destroyed, and in the ruins of one the bodies of a man and a woman were found. Many other bodies were badly damaged.

The wreckage is still being cleared.—Reuter.

Hotel's Offer

Clacton-on-Sea, To-day.

Only a few hours before the German minelaying plane crashed and created its havoc, the manager of a Clacton-on-Sea hotel told summer visitors that they would be given a one-third reduction for every day on which a bomb fell on the town.

He said yesterday that the previous night's affair was "sheer bad luck." He is not withdrawing his offer.—Reuter.

WANG ADHERENT SHOT DEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

A political murder was committed at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a Chinese student, Hoo Su-tee, 19, was shot at close range by three bullets in the building of the Great China University, where he was studying.

Hoo was known to be one of the most influential leaders of the Shanghai Students' Federation, sponsored by Wang Ching-wel.

While Hoo was coming downstairs a gunman fired at him, escaping in the ensuing confusion.

The police have arrested a suspect.—Havas.

JAPANESE MANDATED ISLANDS STUDY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A students investigation party, under Prof. Inachiro Miura, has been appointed by Tokyo Imperial University, to visit the mandated islands in the southern Pacific.

The sum of 70,000 yen has been appropriated by the University for covering the costs of the expedition, which consists of ten members and will study the productive possibilities of the islands, especially rubber, sugar, tea, hemp and medicinal products.—Havas.

AEROPLANE VERSUS WARSHIP

Washington, To-day.

"The aeroplane has a temporary advantage over the warship," said the Secretary for Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, on his return yesterday from the naval "war games" in the Pacific.

He added: "This can be neutralised by design. There must be minor changes in the structure of existing warships and a basic change of design for future warships."

"Inefficient attention has been paid to the protection of men and weapons above decks."

Changes advocated by Mr. Edison included the elimination of all gear likely to splinter when struck by bombs or shells.—Reuter.

ELECTORAL TRUCE

London, To-day.

At the Labour Party meeting on Whit Monday, it is expected that some organizations will try to bring the "electoral truce" to an end.

The Labour Party Executive made it clear yesterday in the annual report that this would be opposed. Apart from the war issue itself — a matter of the life and liberty of the British people — the Executive is convinced that the interests of the Party demand adherence to the electoral agreement.— Reuter.

LEY AGAIN

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE CAME TO POWER, HITLER DID NOT MAKE A SPEECH ON "MAY DAY." THERE WERE ALSO NONE OF THE USUAL PROCESSIONS AND MEETINGS.

Shutters on the shops and no newspapers were about the only signs of the holiday.

The German workers continued working all day, but Dr. Ley, the Nazi Labour leader, tried to cheer them up by assuring them that they are the real rulers of Germany under the Nazi regime.—Reuter.

EMPIRE TROOPS ON THE SAME FOOTING

London, To-day.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Colonies Secretary, replying to a Commons question yesterday, said it had been arranged that members of the forces serving in Palestine will be granted the same customs and duty concessions as members of the B.E.F. in France. He added Dominion soldiers would be covered by the decision.— Reuter.

HWA MEI WAN PAO SUSPENDED

Shanghai, To-day.

A widely circulated vernacular, "Hwa Mei Wan Pao" was ordered to suspend publication for three weeks by the Shanghai Municipal Council yesterday.

It is alleged that the paper, contrary to regulations, used certain words of an anti-Japanese nature in an article printed in yesterday's edition.— Our Own Correspondent.

It is announced that Imperial Airways are reverting immediately to previous schedules. Services, therefore, will arrive in Hong Kong on Thursdays and Sundays and leave on Wednesdays and Sundays.

BRITISH SHIPS' OFFICERS' NARVIK ADVENTURE

London, To-day.

LYING IN A SWEDISH HOSPITAL, suffering from frost-bite, Chief Engineer Dobson, of one of five British merchant ships in Narvik harbour when Germany invaded Norway, tells of the captivity of British sailors in the port.

The five British ships were just coming up to the pier to load iron ore when German destroyers entered the port and Nazi sailors swarmed on board.

The British were "arrested" and taken to a school.

The next day, five British destroyers entered Narvik and a great battle ensued, and the British captives were moved to a cafe on the waterfront. By this time, the Germans were running short of food and the prisoners got only bread and water.

PIERS BLOWN UP

On April 13, they heard gunfire at sea. Dobson saw three destroyers sunk. Later, the Germans blew up the iron-ore piers and most of the waterfront.

On April 23, a German Army commander ordered that they be sent to Sweden. Two batches set out, walking along the railway with German

guards. The cold was acute and they were tired and frozen.

During the whole 36 hours, the only food they got was one cup of coffee and some dog biscuits.

At the frontier, they were handed over to the Swedish authorities.

Dobson says that about 30 ships of various nationalities have been sent to the bottom in Narvik harbour.

USED AS SCREEN

Jesse Jones, A.B. of the Mersington Court, was taken prisoner with 50 others when the Germans entered the port.

He says they were lined up on the deck of a "prison ship" to have their

JAPANESE PUSH IN SHANSI

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

OPERATIONS INVOLVED IN THE JAPANESE PUSH INTO SOUTH SHANSI ARE BELIEVED TO BE ON A SCALE SELDOM PREVIOUSLY WITNESSED IN THE FIGHTING IN NORTH CHINA.

The Japanese front extends from a point in south-west Shansi near the Shansi border to a point in south-east Shansi approaching the border of Honan. As the Japanese forces, with bases at Hukwan, Changtse, and Changchih, advanced southward, reaching Chingchen, the Chinese right wing at Lingchwan advanced in two columns. One column heading north-eastward towards the Japanese base reached Yingcheng on April 28 while another advanced westward on Chingchen. In south Anhwei, after the Japanese had captured Tsingyang they continued to push south towards Lin-yangcheng. The Chinese forces are now advancing north towards Tungling, on the south bank of the Yangtse River above Wuhu.—Reuter.

photographs taken and then kept below; the ship was used as a screen during British attacks.

They were released the next morning, presumably because by that time the Germans had found themselves too busy looking after themselves to bother about anyone else.—Reuter.

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R.A.F. BOMBERS OVER BERGEN..



An enemy supply ship and wharf warehouse shown blazing fiercely after an R.A.F. raid on Bergen harbour on April 19. The harbour mole was also damaged. Nazi supply ships and troop transports are at anchor in the roadstead beyond. (Air Mail. Copyright).

SWEDEN'S NEUTRALITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
National demonstrations were staged yesterday throughout the country.

The Premier, M. Hansson, in a speech at an open-air meeting stated: "Sweden is determined to maintain the strictest neutrality and independence whatever may happen."

Hundreds of thousands of people listened to the speech after which the leaders of the main political parties also spoke.—Havas.

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JAPAN ADVISED TO ADAPT POLICY TO THE POWERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A WISE POLICY FOR JAPAN would be not only to respect the existing rights and interests of the world powers, especially Britain and America, in Manchukuo and China, but to welcome their collaboration in the development of the Far East and take proper measures to facilitate Japan's economic advancement in areas under the control of these powers.

So writes Katsuji Debuchi, member of the House of Peers and a former Ambassador in Washington, in the April issue of the "Diplomatic Review."

Closely studying Japan's economic life, the writer explodes the theory of the self-sufficiency of the so-called East Asiatic bloc of Japan, Manchukuo and China.

He warns that Japan cannot live economically without strong relations with the foreign powers.

Supporting his assertions, he declares statistics for 1939 show the East Asiatic bloc absorbed only half the country's exports while the rest was taken by foreign countries.

Japan imported from abroad 77 per cent. of the materials needed while she could obtain from Manchukuo and China only 23 per cent. of her requirements.

KEY MATERIALS

The writer stressed that key materials such as petroleum, iron, ma-

chinery, cotton and so forth were mostly supplied by third countries. Almost all the Pacific areas with which Japan is in close economic ties are either politically or economically controlled by Britain and the U.S.A., and he concluded it would be to Japan's advantage to promote better relations with these countries.—Havas.

OFFICER'S LOSS

Captain McMiller, of Mount Davis, was yesterday the victim of a thief who smashed the window of his car and stole a uniform suit and a box containing gold cuff links. The car was parked in Victoria Road and the uniform was later found on the hillside nearby.

ROOTING OUT FIFTH COLUMN

Bucharest, To-day.

Vigorous measures against the Nazi "Fifth Column" in Rumania are continuing.

No less than 60 foreigners in the oil district have been taken into custody; most of them are Germans.

Police investigations are continuing, especially in the ports.

Many of the Germans in Rumania who are under suspicion have either got a "diplomatic status" by being attached to the large staff at the German Legation or claim to be bona fide journalists.

Most of the 20 German "journalists" in Belgrade arrived after the war started.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure has increased over the Pacific to the east and south-east of Japan. It remains relatively low over the southern China Sea. The depression continues to move eastward and is approaching the Sea of Japan.

BRITISH FORCES HARD PRESSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE MILITARY SITUATION in Norway remains obscure, the one thing clear being that in spite of stubborn resistance by the British troops round Dombaas, they are being compelled by weight of numbers to give ground.

No information concerning the situation round Stoeren is available, and the tacit official admission that German troops from Trondheim and Oslo have met is not seen as confession that the battle has been lost.

The curious retirement of German troops in Roeros has attracted much attention, but no great importance is attached to the development.

It is evident now that the weight of the German attack is being made in the Gudbrandsdal and, in that sector, while the Allied forces are kept on the defensive, giving ground slowly, they are inflicting heavy casualties.

There is, however, a growing conviction that large reinforcements will have to be sent to Central Norway if the tide is to be turned.—Havas.

Swedish Viewpoint

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Aftonbladet" weighs up the pros and cons of a British large-scale landing in Norway and considers that such a landing must come shortly if the Allied position in Norway is to be saved. The greatest Allied advantage is that the German fleet is not dangerous.—Reuter.

GERMANY SWINGS PENDULUM

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Dagens Nyhet" points out that Germany alternates between Russia and Italy.

During the first six months of the war Russia was Germany's best friend; now it is Italy.

Thus both Russo-German and Italo-German friendship is largely dependent on events, and Mussolini desires a final answer of the problem Air Force v. Navy before taking a definite decision.

Russia was as surprised by the German attack on Norway as Italy was surprised by the Russo-German pact last September.

If Germany comes to dominate a large part of the Scandinavian peninsula, much of Russia's gains during the last six months will be lost.

It is therefore not surprising that Russia is considering the delivery of surplus exports to Yugo-Slavia and Britain instead of to Germany.—Reuter.

PREMIER TO MAKE STATEMENT ON NORWAY

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, in reply to a question by Mr. C. R. Attlee (Labour) in the Commons yesterday, said he hoped to be in a position to make a statement on Norway to-day (Thursday).—Reuter.

Mr. Chamberlain's Commons statement to-day on Norway is expected to be supplemented by a further statement by him next Tuesday.—Reuter.

Official Communique

London, To-day.

A War Office communique states the areas occupied by the Allied forces at Narvik have been extended and operations are continuing satisfactorily.

In the Namsos area, the situation at the front remains unchanged.

In the Dombaas area, our troops, after stubborn resistance of strong enemy attacks, withdrew to prepared positions.—Reuter.

Capture Of Dombaas

London, To-day.

The unreliability of German High Command reports—even though they do sometimes tell part of the truth—is shown by an "Order of the Day" issued by Hitler on Tuesday night.

The Germans in Norway have finally crushed the intentions of the Western Powers to occupy Norway and operations have been brought to completion—says Hitler's Order of the Day.

This sort of thing may hearten the people of Germany, but it does not help the rest of the world to attach much credence to official German reports.

The capture of Dombaas does not, despite a German High Command communique, mean that the Trondheim/Oslo railway is now in the hands of the Germans. Allied forces are still at other points on the railway, notably at Hjerkin.—Reuter.

Success Near Steinkjer

Near Steinkjer, To-day.

Franco-Norwegian troops have had further successes against German patrols, which were repulsed and lost several dead.

The Allied position here is good.—Reuter.

In Narvik Area

London, To-day.

Unconfirmed reports from the Narvik area state that, in addition to the Allied troops which are closing in on the port, others are driving south from Tromsø, rounding up Germans or driving them back into Narvik.—Reuter.

Roeros Retaken

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

A Swedish source announces that the German troops withdrew from Roeros on Tuesday when Norwegian detachments entered the town. German prisoners said that withdrawal was due to a lack of supplies since the troops in Roeros were cut off from the remaining German effectives.—Havas.

Germans In Vulnerable Positions

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The greater part of the Italian press continues to favour the German version of Allied losses in Norway.

The Stockholm correspondent of "Il Messaggero," however, says that the positions taken up by the Germans are highly vulnerable. The different columns are wide apart and in no position to give each other support.—Havas.

WAR RISK RATES UP IN MED'RALEAN

London, To-day.

A new advisory schedule of London Underwriters increases war risk insurance rates for shipping on Mediterranean and Black Sea voyages. A few rates are quadrupled, many are doubled and others increased by smaller proportions.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVIA AND RUSSIA

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND YUGOSLAVIA ARE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.

It appears Yugo-Slavia wishes to sell copper and other minerals, pork and dried fruits, and to buy in return cotton and petroleum.

The Yugo-Slav delegation had several interviews yesterday with the Foreign Trade Commissar, M. Mikoyan.

Yugo-Slavia's recognition of the Soviet has not yet been discussed but may be raised later if a commercial agreement is negotiated.—Reuter.

U. S. NAVY RESTAGES DEFEAT OF GRAF SPEE

The U. S. Navy has been re-enacting the humiliation of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, defeated by superior British seamanship in the Battle of the River Plate.

The restaged action was the feature of a naval review held in the honour of the President of Panama off Balboa, Panama Canal Zone.

The gunboat Charleston, with the President on board represented the Graf Spee, while the gunboat Elre and two destroyers played the part of the British wriships.

The destroyers and the Elre laid down a smokescreen and manoeuvred in and out to demonstrate how speed and seamanship are able to defeat heavy fire power when the lighter craft are manned by men who are ready to fight.

THE LADS "DON'T CARE FOR OWT"

Captain J. H. Hudson and Fusilier J. Worsley, both of the Lancashire Fusiliers, received the Croix de Guerre in a meadow just behind the Maginot Line.

A French General pinned the decorations on their breasts.

Captain Hudson and Fusilier Worsley were members of the patrol that defeated a German patrol after a fight on March 19, when five Germans were killed and one captured.

The other members of the patrol were Fusiliers L. Davies, of Bolton; S. Lowitt, of Manchester; C. Boulton, of Oldham, and B. Davies, of Manchester.

Captain Hudson comes from Malton, Yorkshire.

When he told the story of that night in No-man's Land, he paid unstinted praise to the bravery of his men.

What he said can be summed up in the words of one of his men: "We are lads who don't care a damn for owt."

The six men came straight to the ceremony from a patrol on which they were out at night.

CARPET GAVE AWAY SPIES

The Dutch authorities have caught three German spies as the result of a smart piece of detective work.

The spies stole some important shipping lists from the Ministry of Economics and took photographs of them.

The officials got possession of the pictures, and noticed that on the margin of one of them was the design of a carpet on which the document had been photographed.

They checked up, and found that the design matched a carpet in the home of M. Van Hoeven, a high Dutch Government official.

Van Hoeven and his wife were arrested, with another official named Buve.

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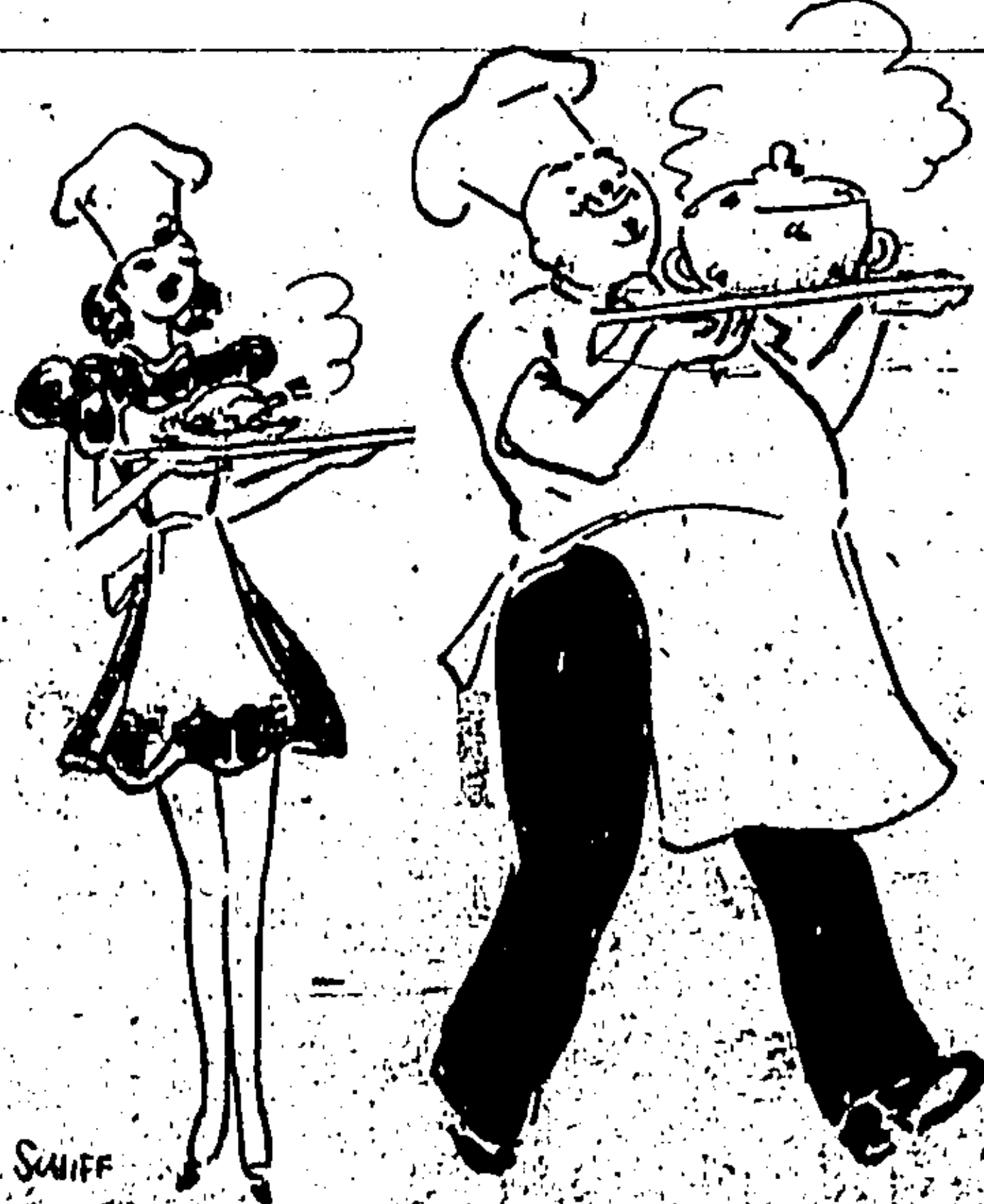
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

ASKING OR DEMANDING?

Assuming that they do it properly, the Japanese have the legal right to make requests relating to pending Philippine legislation that would affect them and their nationals. But they do not have the moral right to ask or to expect more than any other people and interests get. They have no reason or right to expect discrimination in their favour. This is the only logical, practical and consistent attitude that either Manila or Washington, or Washington and Manila jointly, can assume or tolerate.

If the Japanese choose to press their petition for preferential treatment, if they insist that the rule of nondiscriminatory legislation must carry exemptions in their favour, they will force a showdown on the whole question of the number of Japanese nationals and the extent and nature of Japanese holdings in the Philippines, the question on which members of the assembly already have started preliminary investigations inspired by the protest against the pending immigration legislation.

It would be surprising if the Japanese should choose to force that show-down now or to take the aggressive in creating an open issue before 1946.—"Manila Bulletin."

THE LION AND THE UNIFORM

A recent question in the House of Commons seemed to indicate that many British soldiers would welcome a relaxation of the order that forbids them to appear in civilian clothes, when on leave from a home station. The days are gone when the uniform could be reckoned one of the great attractions that induced a man to take the King's shilling, when the recruit, having attained to all glory of scarlet tunic and gold braid, might feel something of the elation of Gilbert's character, who confessed:

When I first put this uniform on I said, as I looked in the glass, "It's one to a million That any civilian

My figure or from will surpass."

For the King's uniform, no less honored than in the past, is considerably less decorative than it was; and though the new "battle dress" is of course very fashionable wear at the moment, it is hardly what the tailors' advertisements call "natty suiting."

Then again, times have changed as well as uniforms: The British soldier of to-day is usually a civilian performing an unwished-for duty, and not of the type who takes tunics for splendor and pants for glory. However much a lion in action, he does not like the arrangement that when

The lion in his uniform is fighting for the crown. The lion wears his uniform all round the town.

for his natural preference is for the role of a citizen devoted to peaceful pursuits. And it does seem that he might be allowed to dress the part on a holiday.—"Christian Science Monitor."

HITLER VERSUS ROOSEVELT

National Socialism, the Germans have often said, is not for export; but that does not prevent Germany from attempts to turn the domestic politics of other countries to her own interests. The attempt is constant in small countries like Rumania, but rigour is exchanged for subtlety when Germany wishes to influence the internal policies of a great country like the United States. The documents which the Nazis claim to have found in the Polish Foreign Office are reports of somewhat bellicose statements by the American Ambassadors in London and Paris. It will not greatly concern the Nazis that the Ambassadors have at once denied making these alleged statements that the United States would enter the war. No doubt all the Nazis wished was to produce some facts which the political opponents of Mr. Roosevelt could seize on the turn against him. By the sowing of suspicion Germany seeks to influence public opinion in the United States to follow the courses which would suit her best. Herr Hitler, one might say, has entered the American political scene and joined himself to the President's enemies. Whether the United States people will appreciate this dictatorial intrusion into their democracy remains to be seen. One thing at least is certain: The Nazis would not have published this dubious concoction of documents unless they had abandoned all hope of peace coming from Mr. Sumner Welles's mission.—"Manchester Guardian."

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN

And what would happen if the Nazi regime did dominate, and if the threat of military defeat, which was drawing very near to us this summer, became a realised fact? Think of it, you people of our cities and towns and villages—government by uniform; government by the rubber truncheon, the gun and the concentration camp; every newspaper a mere megaphone for some gutter-press Goebbels of our own; Parliament abolished, or made a mockery; political opinion and trade union organisation suppressed; our legal system, with its time-honoured safeguards for individual right, turned into one more instrument of brutality; every child a potential spy upon its own parents; police agents listening in every club, in every tea-shop, in every household; the free life of the mind; and every lovely thing for which men have striven and struggled, crushed under the jackboot of Adolf Hitler's Gauleiter.—Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P.

SWEDEN PREPARES

There are some unusual features about the character of the Swedish army which are found in no other army. Army training is being extended and brought up-to-date by fresher courses and supplementary training for reservists generally, but it has been found that a good deal of up-to-date theoretical military training can be given without bringing the reservists to the barracks. Training courses by correspondence are therefore being given, and the resources of the big Co-operative Union postal tuition schools' experience have been placed at the disposal of the military authorities. Six short and popularly written courses have been drawn up on the basis of the latest edition of the Swedish military manual and deal with the following topics: 1. Organization of the defence force, their functions and their

training as a function of democratic responsibility. 2. The necessity of military methods of taking shelter when under fire. 3. Attack. Methods and use of different weapons. 4. Life under canvas and in billets. 5. Supplies. How the Army is provisioned. 6. "North China Daily News."

NAZI TROOPSHIPS SET ABLAZE

London, To-day.

According to the Swedish wireless, people on Skerries, north of Gothenburg, heard violent gunfire at sea yesterday for two hours.

Several ships were observed and are believed to be two convoys steaming north.

A great number of aircraft were in action and at least one ship was seen ablaze.

A violent cannonade was also heard from the fortress at Marstrand, where at 8.30 last night another ship was seen on fire. It is believed she sank later.—Reuter.

MEDITERRANEAN CRISIS: U.S. ENVOY SEES DUCE

ROME, TO-DAY.

MUSSOLINI YESTERDAY RECEIVED MR. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, U. S. AMBASSADOR, WHOSE CALL WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

Nothing is known of what transpired at the interview but according to American circles the impression may be derived from it that no sudden change will be made in the Italian attitude of non-belligerence within the next few days.

The British charge d'affaires, Sir Noel Charles, and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, had a prolonged meeting yesterday which is stated to have been "cordial and informative."

British circles in Rome are of opinion that the British decision to divert ships from the Mediterranean reflects no change in Anglo-Italian relations nor any change in the attitude in regard to questions of common interest to the two countries.

Although the full implications of Britain's announcement are only imperfectly understood as yet by Italians, it has undoubtedly served to bring home to them the seriousness of the situation.—Reuter.

Yugo-Slavia Taking Further Precautions

Belgrade, To-day.

Reports of German and Italian movements off the Yugoslavian border continue to come in, and the Belgrade authorities are taking precautionary measures.

Speaking on Tuesday night, the Yugoslavian Premier reiterated that the country was still following a policy of strict neutrality.

Trade talks with Russia, he said, were going on. Only economic negotiations were being conducted for the time being; the question of resuming diplomatic relations might be broached later.—Reuter.

Only Temporary?

London, To-day.

Under the instructions issued on Tuesday night closing the Mediterranean to British shipping temporarily, all merchant ships sailing between Britain and the Far East must go via the Cape of Good Hope.

This means an extra 5,000 miles in the case of Bombay but only an extra 300 miles in the case of Australia.

London official circles hope the measures will only be of a temporary nature, but they are necessary at the moment in view of the Italian attitude, both of responsible Ministers and the Italian press.

It may be recalled that when war

broke out, and Italy's position was uncertain, the Admiralty ordered the Mediterranean closed; this order was revoked soon afterwards.—Reuter.

WAR PROFITS TAX IN HOLLAND

The Hague, To-day.

The Premier, Jonkheer de Greer, is introducing a bill in Parliament to tax war profits at the rate of 25 per cent in the case of private individuals and 40 per cent in the case of companies, from Jan. 1, 1939.—Reuter.

ITALY'S REPLY TO INVITATION

Rome, To-day.

Commenting on the speech by Mr. Menzies inaugurating the new Italian short-wave radio broadcast from Sydney, the official Italian radio said that Italy is not neutral and she does not intend to be pushed aside.

She has claims to put forward and one of them refers to the Mediterranean.

Writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," Signor Gayda alleges that France has always refused to recognise the rights of Italy.

The rest of the Italian press continues to feature German claims, and the "Popolo d'Italia" even goes so far as to assure its readers that the "Anglo-French plan in Norway is doomed." — Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



"We might as well beat it—three jacks are better than two of a kind."

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POINTED HINT TO ITALY

London, To-day.

It is understood that the Government's Mediterranean precautions will not entail any wholesale recall or diversion of British ships.

Each vessel's case will be considered on its merits, bearing in mind the special needs of its cargo and the political situation at the time of the proposed journey.

In the case of ships proceeding from Britain to the East and Far East and not carrying large amounts of cargo for ports like Naples and Marseilles, such goods may be transhipped by non-British vessels.

Regarding the political aspect of the decision, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns in authoritative quarters that it is a pointed hint to Italy that the recent tone of her press and political speakers does not accord with the spirit of the Anglo-Italian "Gentlemen's Agreement."

UNFORTUNATE MOMENT

Nevertheless it is considered unfortunate that the deterioration of the Italian press attitude should come just when the Anglo-Italian trade talks were promising to bear fruit.

One of the specific agreements on which progress was being made would provide for the construction of shipping tonnage for Britain in Italy, in exchange for coal.—Reuter.

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... THE KING

London, To-day.

"WE HAVE FOUND A DIFFERENT SPIRIT all over the country wherever we have been since the war; everyone is united in the war effort," said the King to the Trade Union leader, Mr. Pugh, when their Majesties yesterday visited South Lancashire.

The King and Queen inspected an aircraft factory, where they saw astonishingly large numbers of planes being produced, made a 10-mile tour of the Merseyside docks and visited a giant armament works busy making naval guns.

The King, speaking to another Trade Union leader, Mr. McVey, said: "We have got to see things through. I only hope it will be a better world in every way after the war."

Thousands of stevedores and Lascars unloading ships stopped to cheer their Majesties as they drove by the docks escorted by Lord Derby and Sir Warren Fisher, the Regional Commissioner.

The crews of warships and British and foreign merchantships lined the sides of their vessels and cheered.—Reuter.

EGYPT ON ITALY'S PROSPECTS

Cairo, To-day.

The Cairo journal "Al Mokattam," referring to Italy, declares: "She knows that by joining Germany she will be the loser in the event of victory or defeat."

"This makes her hesitate to make up her mind, especially since the Allied North Sea victories have effected a change in the situation and in the naval forces in the Mediterranean."

The Wafdist (Nationalist) periodical "Al Shoala" outlines the reasons why it thinks Italy will not fight.

Her fleet is bottled up in the Adriatic and at Tripoli; she is hemmed in by the French in Algiers and Morocco and by the British and Egyptians in west Egypt; it is easy to cut off her communications with her African empire; the Italian coast is very vulnerable to sea attack; and the French and British navies are far stronger.—Reuter.

TOUR OF WAR FRONTS IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The South Seas comfort mission has split into three groups and yesterday left Chungking for a tour of the various fronts. The first group will visit Shansi, Honan and Anhwei, the second Hupeh, Kiangsi and Kwangtung, and the third Kansu, Ninghsia and Suiyuan.—Havas.

ITALIAN SHUFFLE RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

According to well-informed circles rumours are circulating freely in Rome, that

Signor Farinacci will succeed Count

Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister;

Herr von Bismarck will replace Herr von Mackensen, German Ambassador in Rome; and

Signor Alfieri's appointment as Italian Envoy in Berlin, means the beginning of a great reshuffle in the Italian Government whereby the most determined pro-Germans would occupy leading positions.

Although caution must be exercised about believing these rumours, Allied leaders have, nevertheless, considered the possibility that Italy may enter into military collaboration with Germany.

The same circles add that that is the only reason Britain decided to make known publicly the precautionary measures taken in the Mediterranean in order not to be taken unawares by any sudden initiative in this region.—Havas.

BRITISH SHIPS TURNED ROUND

CAIRO, TO-DAY.

SHIPPING COMPANIES AT PORT SAID AND SUEZ HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT BRITISH SHIPS ARE BEING DIVERTED VIA THE CAPE ROUTE.

The British naval authorities here state British shipping within the Mediterranean is not affected by the Government's measures.

Until three days ago homeward British shipping north of Aden was allowed to proceed into the Mediterranean but since then British ships in the Red Sea have been requested to sail for Britain via the Cape.—Reuter.

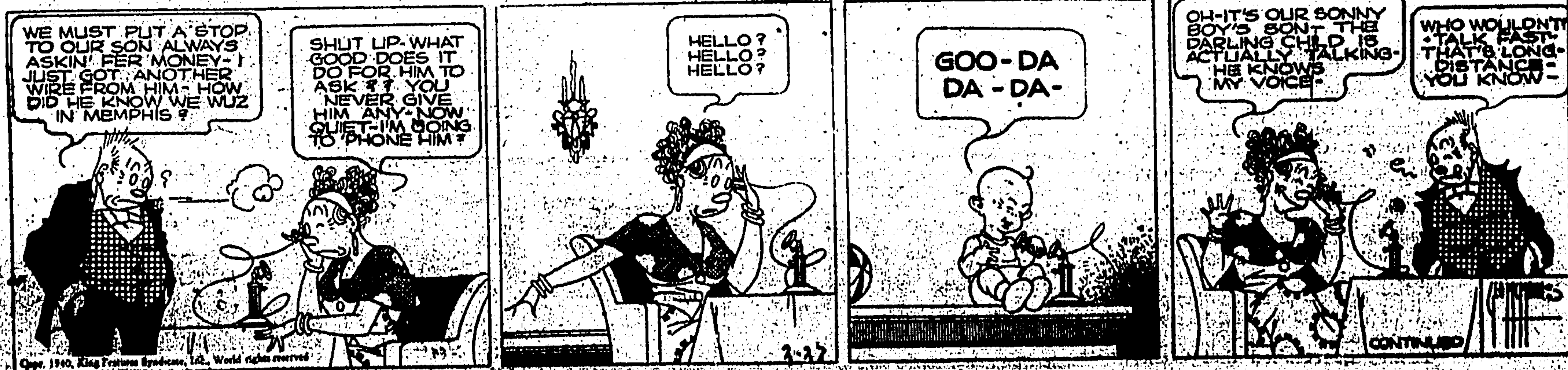
DEFENCE PRECAUTION IN EGYPT

Cairo, To-day.

Owing to the uncertainty of the Mediterranean situation certain defence preparations, usual under present circumstances, were taken throughout Egypt yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



SIR JOHN SIMON AND PURCHASE TAX PLAN

London, To-day.

IN ASKING THE COMMONS approval for the Budget resolution relating to the proposed Purchase Tax, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that on the second reading of the Bill, which he hoped to present in a form which had been discussed with trade associations, the House would have a full opportunity of examining the scheme which was something new in Britain's armoury of taxation.

Sales Taxes existed in many parts of the world and had been applied with success in the British Dominions.

THE NAZI ADDING MACHINE

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons yesterday if his attention had been called to the exaggeration of British naval losses off Norway by Germany, Sir John Reith, Minister of Information, replied in the affirmative.

He added the German claims were so exaggerated as to evoke sarcastic comments in neutral countries.

Special machinery existed in the Ministry for dealing with enemy mis-statements. When these were not designed to elicit valuable information, immediate corrections were issued through channels which were assured of wide publicity, especially in south-east Europe.—Reuter.

ISOLATIONIST BILL GOES TO PRES.DENT

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY PASSED THE BILL AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO REGULATE OR PROHIBIT DEALINGS IN FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES IN WARTIME OR OTHER EMERGENCY.

The Senate passed the bill on Monday and it now goes to President Roosevelt for signature.

The bill seeks to meet questions regarding the legality of the President's recent action in "freezing" American credits belonging to Danish and Norwegian citizens.

The Treasury has authorised all Norwegians and Danes to make deposits in American banks but the restrictions on withdrawals from American accounts will be continued.—Reuter.

NANCHANG FIGHTING

Chungking, To-day.

Heavy fighting is said to be continuing in the area north-west of Nanchang.

In an attack on Chingan on April 27 the Japanese artillery fired over a thousand shells into the small town after which part of the Japanese forces entered the town and engaged the Chinese in street fighting.

After three days bloody hand-to-hand fighting the Chinese are alleged to have once more gained complete control of the town on April 29, according to Chinese field despatches.

Heavy fighting is said still progressing in the vicinity of Fenglin, where the Japanese are launching vigorous attacks.—Reuter.

He explained the reasons for his decision to impose the tax at a point between the wholesaler and retailer and dealt with the exemptions to be accorded to food, drink, fuel and public utilities services. He thought it would be necessary to include clothing, but promised to consider the views of the House.

They were, he said, engaged in a tremendous struggle and it was essential to limit consumption.

It was one of his main concerns and responsibilities when there were enormous additional demands for war purposes to keep down the demand put forward by civilians.

The extent of the sacrifices which the war effort would require from all classes was likewise emphasised by Sir John Simon in speaking on the resolution regarding Income Tax.

House Warned

Replying to Opposition suggestions that the tax on the higher grades of income were not sufficiently severe, he warned the House that they would have to have recourse, before they had done with the war to this instrument of the taxation of incomes in a most formidable fashion. It was impossible to suppose that it could operate only at one end of the scale. Not in that way could large additional sums be secured.

Just as two-thirds of the whole consumption was by individuals getting £5 a week or less, so they must face the fact that there would have to be substantial claims, many of them hard to bear, at the lower end of the scale, though he did not say the lowest of all.

They must let the lowest of all have such protection as they could give them because they had so little.

He was, however, sure the House and country was never going to fail to accept any and every burden proposed, as long as it was necessary to win the war.—British Wireless.

REYNAUD ON FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, in a radio broadcast last night appealed to "the army of French workers" to support "the army of fighters."

"The formidable German war machine pitted against us was born in the German factories and is being supported to-day by feverish work all over the Reich.

"This is the law of modern warfare, the law of France and the law of the enemy."

M. Reynaud painted a gloomy picture of the fate of countries invaded by the Germans, and added:

"The fight for freedom is the very reason of our lives. Our aim is to be able to live as free men and our children after us."

M. Reynaud said capital and labour were working in full co-operation and this co-operation would continue after the war.—Havas.

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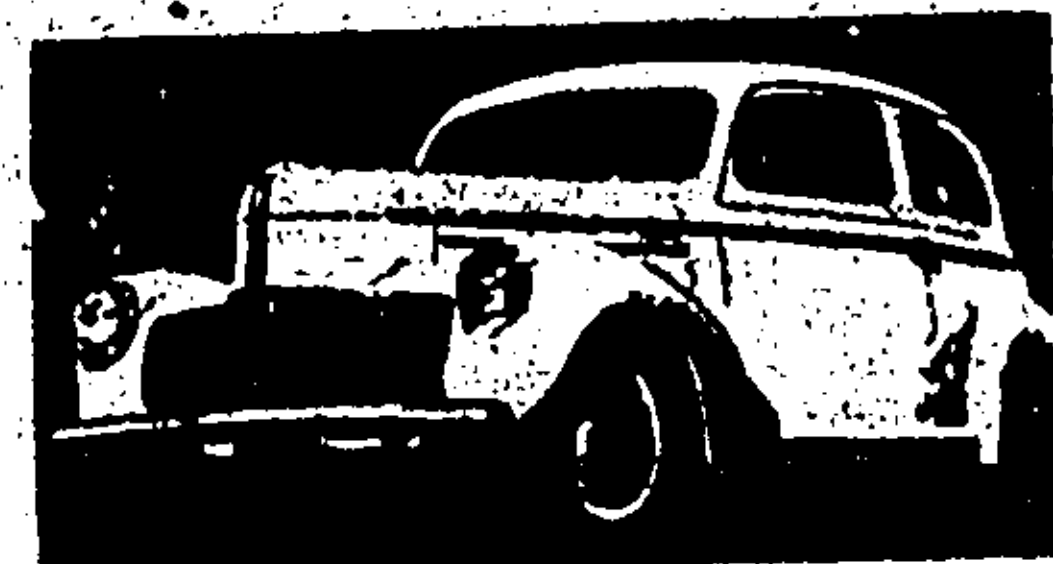
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LONDON, TO-DAY.
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Any suggestion that any final decision has been reached is premature and has no authority.

The latest Soviet communication is having to be studied in more than one department.

When Lord Halifax saw M. Maiski on April 19, he informed him that the British Government had considered the Soviet suggestion for a resumption of trade talks and that they were prepared to discuss in an exploratory manner whether a basis existed for a trade agreement and he invited him to obtain, from the Soviet, concrete suggestions which took account of the condition upon which the British Government have had to insist in all war trade agreements, namely guarantees in the matter of supplies reaching the enemy.

In Parliament, on April 10, Mr. Butler stated that should trade negotiations be resumed with the Soviet, it would be made clear that Britain still condemned Russia's aggression against Finland.—British Wireless.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.
On April 30, there were 29 neutral ships in three contraband control bases of which 19 had been there for 6 days or less.

In addition, 36 ships had been brought in or were detained by order of the Ministry of Economic Warfare in view of the situation in Norway and Denmark.

During the week ended April 27, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 83 ships which had arrived since April 20 and 52 outstanding cargoes from the previous week.

In 56 cases, the entire cargoes were released either on first consideration or after enquiries. Some 57 vessels were dealt with under the advance manifest system 14 of which were released subject merely to formal checking of the original manifests.—British Wireless.

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TIENTSIN SILVER

London, To-day.
Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) asked in the Commons yesterday if the Prime Minister could assure the House the Government would agree to no new arrangement concerning the silver deposits in the banks of the International Concessions in Tientsin without the consent of the recognised Government of China.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply said he presumed Mr. Noel-Baker referred to the silver deposited in a Chinese bank in the British Concession in Tientsin.

The Government had consulted the Chinese Government at material stages of the negotiations on this subject and were continuing to do so.—Reuter.

SHIPPING LOSSES IN THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, To-day.

A magazine printed by the Swedish banks has published an account of the losses of merchant ships during the first six months of the war. The total loss in gross tonnage amounts to 1,357,000 tons, namely 857,000 tons from the belligerents and 500,000 tons from neutrals.

The highest losses were sustained by Britain and Germany. Following them are France, Sweden, Holland, Greece and Denmark.

If the losses are considered in relation to the tonnage belonging to each country, Sweden incurred the heaviest loss, namely, 4.8 per cent. of her total tonnage. Denmark follows with 4.6 per cent., and then Finland, Greece and Belgium.

The belligerents are sixth and eighth, respectively.

The losses in human lives were: Sweden 285 men; Norway 350.

The losses in goods, although difficult to estimate, were considerable especially for the small countries—Havas.

PROBLEMS OF THE NEUTRALS

Bucharest, To-day.

The newspaper "Semnalul" in an interesting leader on maintaining neutrality, says a neutral to-day is threatened not only militarily but economically and by propaganda.

"The economic blockade may constitute to-day the decisive and final factor in totalitarian warfare, the great consumer of raw material."—Reuter.

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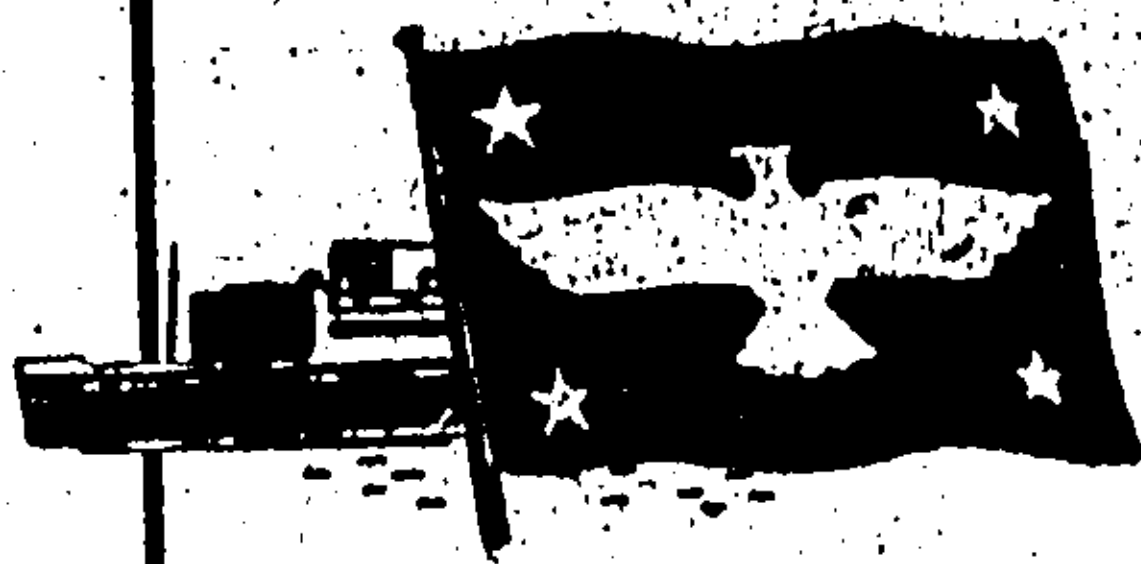


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1 Bulb-like stem
5 Part of crane
8 Ship channels
12 Plot
13 Part of "to be"
14 Islands off
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16 portion
18 Spanish
18 cooking vessel
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20 Martinique
21 War god
23 Artificial
23 language
25 Turkish hat
27 Club
28 Gem
33 Short coat
35 Go away!
37 Handle
38 Insect eggs
40 Music as
40 written
41 Vast age
42 Simian
44 Goose genus
48 Symbol for
48 tantalum
50 To thrust

53 Varnisher
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61 To watch over

VERTICAL
1 Roman
1 statesman
2 Aloud
3 Appreciates
4 Cheek-bone
5 Fete
6 Peaceful
7 To supplicate
8 Entrance
9 Seed covering
10 Docile

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DAIRY FARM COOLIE SENTENCED

LAM YAM-KWAI, 19, COOLIE, WAS SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, FOR THE THEFT OF 56 POUNDS OF BUTTER FROM THE DAIRY FARM, ICE AND COLD STORAGE AND COMPANY, YESTERDAY.

Lau Yi-yau, 17, hawker, was charged with aiding and abetting.

Det. Sergeant V. Morrison said Lam was employed as a coolie by the Dairy Farm. A watchman who saw a large quantity of butter inside a can in the garage, later observed that Lau went there and took it away. He was arrested. It was then revealed that Lam had put the butter there.

Lau was remanded for consideration of sentence.

SCANDINAVIAN SERVICE AT CATHEDRAL

Sir:—In view of the terrible struggle in which Norway and Britain are now involved together the 11 o'clock morning service in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next will have special reference to this distressed land and those who are suffering hardship there.

To this service all Norwegians and Scandinavians are warmly invited. Dr. Karl Reichelt of the Lutheran Church of Norway will preach.

The service will be one of Holy Communion in which all who share our faith are invited to take part.

Yours, etc.
A.P. ROSE
Acting Chaplain.

EUROPEAN LAD BITTEN

A dog belonging to Mrs. E. Clark, residing at the Military Quarters, Queen's Road East, bit a young boy, David Fair, yesterday. The dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation, and the boy was treated at the Military Hospital.

JAPANESE LINE OF COMMUNICATION ALONG YANGTSE CUT

Chungking, To-day.

CHINESE TROOPS HAVE CUT land communication between Wuhu and Nanking and are effectively harassing Japanese ships in the Yangtze River by shelling, according to reports.

Japanese marines attempting to land at a point near Wuhu to reinforce their hard-pressed comrades were beaten back to their warships on April 28.

Further upriver from Wuhu sharp fighting for the possession of Tsingyang continues. Thousands of Japanese are arriving for the offensive.

DUKE'S VICAR ANTI-OOMPH

The Rev. Anderson Jardine, who officiated at the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, stepped back into the limelight at Washington as a scenario writer and leading man in a film aimed at dethroning the pleasure-loving glamour girl as the nation's ideal, and replacing her by "Miss Spiritual America."

Enthusiastic over his crusade against "oomph" in American girlhood, Mr. Jardine established himself in an hotel interviewed scores of stage-struck girls for the leading role in his film.

Mr. Jardine said his heroine must be beautiful and abstain from the horrors of nicotine and liquor.

Here is the story of Mr. Jardine's film. Miss Spiritual America is engaged to villain Horace Donner, who is secretly financing the publication of salacious literature.

Hero crusador Britton, to be acted by Mr. Jardine, exposes Donner's nefarious activities.

Miss Spiritual America takes off her bridal veil and places it on the head of a simple country lassie, to whom Donner had done wrong.

Japanese occupying Nanling, northeast of Tsingyang, are surrounded. On the Kiangsu-Chekiang border, the Japanese have commenced simultaneous offensives near Ihing and Liyang.

Under a terrific artillery barrage, the Japanese attacked and captured Huangtushan, northeast of Liyang. Later the Chinese succeeded in recapturing the point. The Japanese attack near Ihing was repulsed.

In southeast Shansi, the Chinese are continuing their operations against remnant Japanese near Tsincheng and Yangcheng. A Japanese unit forcing its way out of the Chinese cordon, around Tsincheng, was intercepted at Lanchowen.—Central News.

OFFENSIVE SHATTERED

Changsha, To-day.

Japan's April offensive in north Hunan, south Hupeh and north Kiangsi has been shattered, military advices indicate.

The Japanese started their offensive in the areas south of Tsungyang and Peiyikiao in south Hupeh with the objective of "mopping up" the Chinese troops there. The Chinese repulsed the attack in six days.

After this failure, the Japanese turned their attention to north Kiangsi. An offensive was launched along a line stretching through Tsingan, Fenghsin, Hsishan and Wanshoukung near Nanchang, while local attacks were made southwest of Tungshan in south Hupeh.

The Japanese penetrating into Tsingan and Fenghsin were totally annihilated while those at Kiukungshan on the south Huper border were heavily defeated.—Central News.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16. London silver was quoted at 21-7/16 spot and 21-5/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$3.49-5/8.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1505 b., \$1520 s., \$1515 sa.

Bank of East Asia \$74 b.

INSURANCES

H.K. Fire Ins. \$171 b., \$175 s.

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H.K. Tramways \$17.40/35 sa.

China Lights (New) \$5 s., \$4.90 sa

H.K. Electrics \$64 1/2 sa.

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Masbates .08 1/4 sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .08 1/2 sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .07 1/4 sa.

North Camarines Ps. .043 b.

Paracale Gumays Ps. .16 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .61 b.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .17 1/2 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .12 1/2 b.

United Paracales Ps. .21 1/2 sa.

MEDITERRANEAN AFFECTS STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was irregular yesterday though the undertone was firm.

Bonds of Mediterranean governments eased on anxieties concerning that region. Gilt-edged securities fluctuated narrowly, and the losses of industrial losses appeared to outnumber gains.

In the commodities, sellers on the shellac market were more willing to meet trade enquiry and consequently there was better business at the lower prices.

Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

CANADA AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOLDINGS

Ottawa, To-day.

Canada is now taking steps to mobilise holdings of foreign exchange and holders of foreign currencies must sell them to the Canadian Foreign Exchange Board within 30 days.

This Board, which was set up early in the war, has wide powers, and is to take over the gold and exchange reserves of the Bank of Canada, which is no longer required to maintain a minimum gold reserve.—Reuter.

FRACTURED THIGH

A young girl Mak Fu, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday for a fractured thigh, caused when she fell from a height of 11 feet on the roof of No. 83, Nam Cheong Street.

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THE BLOCKADE AND THE NEUTRALS

DIFFICULT as it may be, let me try to form an estimate of the position of the belligerents after seven months of the war. There must be an element of guesswork in it, but some things are reasonably certain. Ten days ago there was a curious coincidence which made an excellent piece of undesigned propaganda. Just as a German broadcaster was congratulating the German people on the fortitude with which they were standing up to the "miseries" they had suffered, our own B.B.C. was announcing that the British people had taken their Easter holidays very much as usual and that the number of cars on the roads had been nearly normal. Some moralists may think the contrast unfavourable to the British people but the more acceptable view is, I think, that they showed a thoroughly sound instinct in seizing the opportunity to refresh body and mind and brace themselves for any ordeal they may have to face.

Whichever way we take it, there is no doubt that life is harder and grimmer in Germany than it is in either France or Britain. But it must be added that the German people have now for several years been inured to their present conditions and that there is no reason to suppose that they are near the breaking-point for any purely physical reasons. Their morale, however, is a rather different matter. Here signs multiply that they require the perpetual stimulus of highly seasoned propaganda—Hitler's shouting, Goering's promises of victory, Goebbels' assurances that our warships and merchant-ships are being bombed or torpedoed by the hundred and that we in consequence have been reduced to a state of shivering starvation.

INCREASED ANXIETY

It must be in the minds of these propagandists that they run considerable risks of reaction when these falsehoods are exposed. Already a change in the note may be detected—hints of great things coming when the Fuehrer gives the word, appeals to youth to prove themselves heroes, threats to the Western enemies who alone prevent Germany from being the "dominant" Power. Even if Britain cannot be starved, the great German army stands massed on the Siegfried line.

If we try to interpret these signs, the inference seems to be that Hitler and Goering seriously believed that they would by means of the U-boats and bombers and magnetic mines reduce us in a few months to a condition in which they would be able to dictate their terms. Had they succeeded in this, all their anxieties about their ability to sustain a long war and to keep themselves supplied with essential war material would have been removed and Hitler would have won another of his bloodless victories.

CABARET DANCE TO-NIGHT

Talented pupils of Mr. Goncharoff, Miss Lora Tesar and Miss Pat Pasco will add much to the gay spirit of the Spring Cabaret Dance of the Amateur Sporting Association to-night in the Peninsula Hotel.

Miss Tesar will charm the public by her appearance in the Russian Boyar Dance, and Miss Pasco's "Two Guitars" will take the spectators to a gypsy camp.

The music will be supplied by Art Carneiro's band.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN HARRIS

London, To-day.

Sir John Harris, whose work for the abolition of slavery is well-known throughout the world died yesterday aged 68.

As Secretary of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, Sir John Harris was strongly in favour of the formation of a Permanent Slavery Commission of the League of Nations. The appointment of this Commission in 1933 coincided with his receipt of a knighthood.—British Wireless.

EUROPEAN MISSING

A report has been made to the Police by Mr. Campbell, of Buttermfield and Swire, that Mr. Cummings Alexander William Duff, 34, ship's engineer, left the company's hostel at Kowloon Dock on April 3 and has not been seen since.

NO MAY DAY HOLIDAY IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

In accordance with the decision of the French Trade Unions Council, French workers continued working on "May Day"—Reuter.

Since they have not succeeded, all these anxieties are intensified. They have now to discover some new road to victory after six months in which the Allies have had the opportunity of strengthening their defences and developing their power. The Blitzkrieg, as Mr. Chamberlain pointed out in his speech on Thursday, is by no means the tempting proposition that it was in September, 1939, to say nothing of September, 1938. The danger of reprisals has greatly increased; the fighting and labour power of the Allies mounts up every week, whereas the Germans reached their peak at the beginning of the war and are now compelled to draft slave-labour from Poland to till their fields.

The comparative inactivity of the last six months has no doubt enabled them to husband their resources, but this has been offset by three factors: (1) the hard winter which has paralysed transport, (2) their own consumption in the Polish campaign, and (3) the failure of Russia to do what was expected of her. From this point of view the Finnish campaign has been a German disaster. Russia now shows every sign of sitting back until she has replenished her own stocks.

We may, nevertheless, assume that the Germans have accumulated a sufficiency of necessary war material, including petrol and iron and steel, to carry them through a first period of active warfare. But to consume this until they saw their way to replenish their stocks would be an enormous risk. It is not, I imagine, their existing stocks but the replenishment of these which is their present chief anxiety. Hence the agitated drive against the neutrals which set in as soon as the Finnish campaign was over and the reluctance or inability of Russia to supply what is needed became known.

THE PACT THAT FAILED

But at this point the Germans are faced with a serious dilemma. Any act of violence against the neutrals, except on the sea where they are unable to resist, defeats its own object if the object is to obtain supplies. An invasion of Sweden if countered by Allied support would almost certainly stop the flow of iron and steel; an invasion of Holland and Belgium would close more doors out of Germany; an invasion of Rumania would almost certainly lead to the destruction of the oil-wells. Hence the great effort inaugurated at the Brenner Conference to establish a German-Italian-Russian condominium of the Balkans whereby all the smaller Powers of South-eastern Europe might be shut off from the Allies and compelled by peaceful penetration to supply Germany.

This miscarried for reasons which can now be pieced together. It alarmed the Balkan nations, and especially Rumania and Turkey, which protested that they intended, if attacked, to defend their integrity and independence to the last. The double game by which Germany alternately threatened to let Russia loose on Bessarabia if Rumania proved recalcitrant, and to hold Russia back if Rumania was compliant, put Germany wrong with Russia without putting her right with Rumania. Molotov's references to Bessarabia in his speech on Tuesday, and his pointed announcement that Russia intended to remain neutral, seems to write final on this particular intrigue. At the same time Hungary made it known that she, too, had a policy which could not be ignored, and Italy appears to have agreed with her. Whatever her engagements to Germany may be, it is unlikely that Italy will go out of her way to bring her into the Adriatic.

TIGHTENING THE BLOCKADE

At the end of it all the German situation remains urgent and the neutral situation remains open. Goering and Goebbels cannot for ever go on telling the German people that they have swept us off the sea and reduced us to starvation. Nor can it long suffice them to go on saying that the Fuehrer will act at his own chosen moment. We may take it that some move on the German side is at least a high probability before very long. What ought we to do meanwhile?

The picturesque language of Mr. Churchill's broadcast acted as a tonic on drooping spirits, if there are such, but it also raised expectations, especially in the American Press, of some immediate splashing stroke which made the subsequent statements of Mr. Chamberlain and M. Reynaud seem slightly drab. "Tightening the blockade" seems a prosaic phrase, but involved in it are possibilities which may before long satisfy the most impatient.

The attitude of the neutrals has been a good deal misunderstood in recent weeks. In answer to the charge that Norway and Sweden defaulted from their obligations under the League Covenant when they refused to grant passage to troops bringing aid to a victim of aggression, a distinguished neutral, M. Emile Cammaerts, has pointed out that both countries made a joint declaration at Geneva in 1938 notifying their return to "independent neutrality," and that this passed without objection by other members of the League. Whether or not they actually made a similar declaration, most of the smaller neutrals consider themselves to be in a position of "independent neutrality" which releases them from the obligations of the Covenant to-day.

ALLIES AND NEUTRALS

The legal aspects of the matter are of little importance. The substantial fact—and it is of great importance in considering plans for the future keeping of the peace—is that the smaller neutrals have always considered their obligations under the Covenant as contingent on their being protected in fulfilling them. "Collective security" had in their view two parts: security for all against war and security for each against

aggression. Since the first has failed they do not hold themselves bound to risk the wrath of the aggressor.

We must be sparing of our reproaches and make the largest allowance for the difficulties of their situation. We cannot ride roughshod over them as the Germans do without prejudicing our claim to be fighting in the cause of world order. But there are certain things we can and must say to them. If their formula is "independent neutrality" it must also be "impartial neutrality." We cannot be expected to look on indefinitely, if they give all the advantages of territorial waters to our enemy and protest impatiently against even a technical

sate them for trade losses by being cut off from trade with Germany.

NEXT MOVES

It need not be supposed that they are under any illusions about what would await them in the event of a German victory. If Hitler's defiant and loudly advertised contempt of his neighbours' boundaries and the ruthless proceedings of which they have been the victims have not convinced them about that, they would not be persuaded though one rose from the dead. There is in fact abundant evidence that the great majority of them—the "New York Times" said the "overwhelming" majority—ardently desire the defeat of Germany. But we may endeavour to bring home to them that there is a point beyond which seeking a short-term safety by appeasing the Germans would be extremely prejudicial to the long-term security which depends on the victory of the Allies.

Our amateur strategists who are so fertile in suggesting next moves must be content for the time being to leave themselves in the hands of the Supreme War Council, which alone is in a position to survey the whole field and co-ordinate French and British efforts. The promised secret session of the House of Commons may enable the general policy to be discussed without wounding susceptibilities, but we had better not indulge the idea that there is any secret plan or stroke of "imaginative strategy," as it is called, which will be a short cut to success. Intensifying the blockade requires not one plan but many plans; all need to be carefully thought out and their consequences foreseen. We must not emulate the bad chess-player who thinks any move to be better than no move and so plays into the hands of his opponent.

By
J. A. SPENDER

or accidental breach of their neutrality on our part.

We may sympathise with them in their enforced submission to the sinking of their ships and other outrages which would be acts of war if perpetrated against a strong Power, but they cannot expect us to be pleased when they balance their serious complaints against Germany with trivial complaints against us. On the other hand, we owe them the promise of the strongest possible support when acting fairly by us involves them in trouble with the Germans, as well as every possible effort to compen-

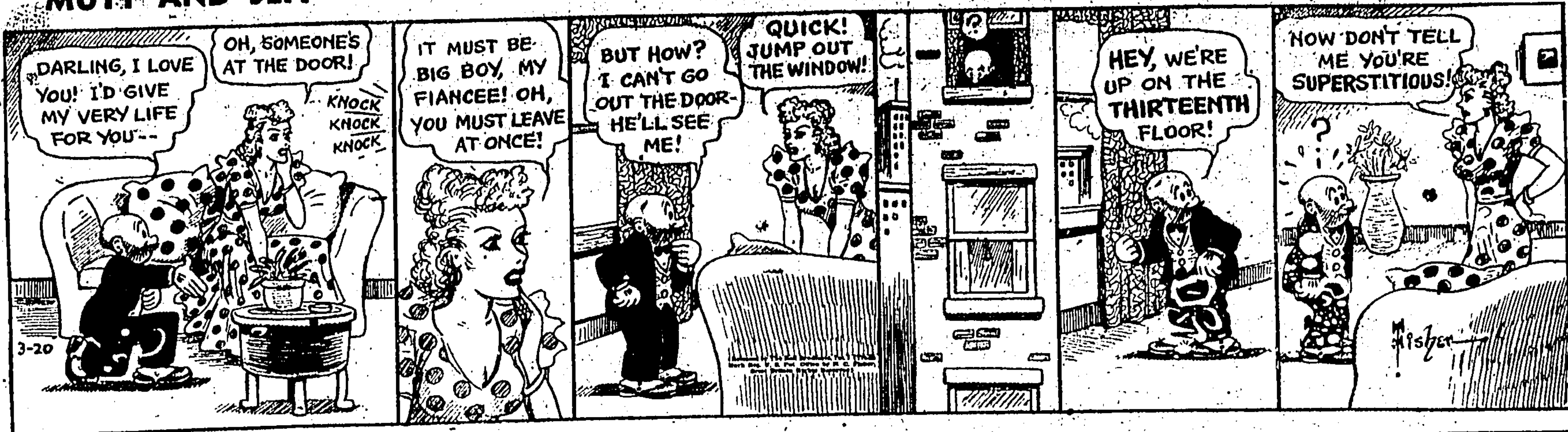
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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by the Band of one of His Majesty's Cruisers.
1. "Lilac Time"—Selection (Schubert).
Interlude
2. Tesoro Mio—Waltz (Becucci).
3. "The Fleet's Lit Up"—Selection (Ellis & Cole-Porter).
Interlude
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Interlude
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9.05 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
Mississippi—Film Selection (Rodgers); Naughty Marietta—Film Selection (Herbert); Curly Top—Film Selection.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-

- mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Vive la France".
9.45 p.m.—Variety with The Rocky Mountaineers, Mae Questal and Others.
10.18 p.m.—Compositions of Ketelbey.

- The Clock and The Dresden China Figures (Ketelbey) Ferdie Kauffman & His Orchestra.
Wedgewood Blue; In The Moonlight The London Paladium Orch.
The Phantom Melody; Algerian Scene..... Albert Sandler (Violin) with The Composer at the Piano.
10.38 p.m.—Liszt—Concerto No. 2 in A Major. Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Leslie Howard.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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BAD DEFENCE

To-day we have another hand illustrative of how not to defend. In this case West was at fault.

West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ 10 8
♥ Q 9 7 5 4
♦ K 8 6 3
♣ A 6
♠ 6 4
♥ A 8 3
♦ K J 10 4
♣ K J 10 3 2
♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ J 2
♦ A Q 9 2
♣ 8 5 4
♠ A K Q J 5
♥ K 10 6
♦ 7 5
♣ Q 9 7
The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♦ 1♠
2♣ Pass Pass 2♠
Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds. Declarer ducked in dummy and now East played the deuce, since he could not afford to let go the nine. West mistakenly read this as a signal to shift and played a spade. Declarer won with the ten in dummy, led a low heart and played the King. West winning with the Ace. Now West "brilliantly" led the King of clubs. Declarer won with the Ace in dummy and now drew trumps. West, who had to make two discards, promptly let go of both his small hearts, whereupon Declarer, with only one heart left against him, simply claimed the rest of the tricks.

If West had defended correctly, he would have continued diamonds after the opening lead. East would have won the second diamond and shifted to a club. Then, if Declarer misguessed the heart, he might actually have been set on the hand. Instead, he made five-odd.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ K x
♣ x

The bidding:

Jacoby You Maier Burnstone
1♦ Dbl. Pass 2♣
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades. There is a good chance that your partner's hand will be worthless for your purposes. Hence, you can afford no stronger bid.
Score 100% for two spades, 60% to three spades or two notrump (an irregular bid but not a bad one), 40% for four spades.

QUESTION NO. 399

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and again hold:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ K x
♣ x

The bidding:

Schenken You Maier Jacoby
1♦ Dbl. Pass 2♥
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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I.R.C. LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following will represent I.R.C. in First Division of the Lawn Bowls League against C.S.C.C. at Happy Valley on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.:—A. H. Rumjahn, M. A. Wahab, D. M. Khan, A. R. Dallah (Skip); A. K. Suffiad, A. M. Rumjahn, A. Bakar, A. K. Minu (Skip); J. Hoosen, S. O. Bux, A. O. Madar, A. R. Minu (Skip).
THIRD TEAM
Following will represent I.R.C. in Third Division of the Lawn Bowls League against Kowloon Football Club at Chatham Road, on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.:—A. R. M. Samy, S. Yusuf, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab (Skip); M. Hassan, S. A. R. Bux, U. A. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn (Skip); A. S. Suffiad, R. Nazarin, A. G. Suffiad, M. Y. Adal (Skip).

POLICE SELECTIONS

The following teams have been selected to represent Police Recreation Club in matches on Saturday:—

First Division against Kowloon Docks:—W. J. Cameron, J. Harrop, J. Shepherd and E. G. Post (Skip); W. McLeod, J. Headridge, W. S. Dall and J. C. S. Fender (Skip); F. Channing, J. W. Macdonald, G. Perkins and J. Orem (Skip).

Second Division v. Kowloon Football Club:—W. Harris, G. Davis, A. Soutar and W. Glendinning (Skip); A. Kinneer, G. Willerton, J. R. McWalter and W. E. Hollands (Skip); R. Fitches, C. Willcox, N. B. Fraser and J. Riddell (Skip).

K.F.C. TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Football Club:—

Second Division (v. P.R.C. at Happy Valley):—C. Pile, W. Groves, W. Simpson and C. Dowman (Skip); J. Gibson, A. Eastman, R. Hall and P. Younghusband (Skip); A. Lapsley, R. Hughes, W. Atienza and V. Chitenden (Skip).

Third Division (v. I.R.C. at K.F.C.):—C. Woodcock, S. Wong, C. Fuller and B. Evans (Skip); B. Thomson, B. Williams, Y. Abbas and J. Smalley (Skip); J. Boyd, J. Dobson, G. Frost and P. Morgan (Skip).

C.S.C.C. TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Civil Service Cricket Club:

First Division:—E. Kirman, J. W. Deakin, L. A. Collyer and F. J. Jones (skip); M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange (skip); J. Gellatley, R. R. Wood, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge (skip).

Second Division:—A. F. Shepherd, P. D. Crawley, J. M. Purvis and A. B. Allen (skip); J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin, A. Steven



The honeymoon is over, when the groom finds his wife gets more enjoyment out of her afternoon at bridge than she does cooking dinner.

and S. Eccleshall (skip); C. J. Walker, H. Lord, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (skip).

COTTAGE CLUB CAVALCADE

The Cottage Club Cavalcade on Saturday, will start from Sheung Shui cross-roads at 4 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the Club House at 3.50 p.m.

Marking the departure from the Colony of a popular Dutch rider, "The Flying Dutchman Cup" will be competed for in a paper-hunt to be held in the late afternoon of Saturday, May 11th. Details will be announced in the press of next week.



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RUMJAHN'S GENERALSHIP GIVES HIM FIFTH TITLE

Slows Up Game; Tsui Thrown Right Out Of Gear

ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING GAMES IN TOURNEY'S HISTORY

(By "ADREM")

THE DREADFUL tennis served up hitherto in the Colony tennis championships was compensated for somewhat yesterday on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club, where veteran S. A. Rumjahn created the biggest upset in the past decade in beating the champion, Tsui Wai-pui, over the whole distance, the scores being 6-8, 6-2, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

Not that the tennis served up yesterday was good — on the contrary it was probably as bad as any this year — but the excitement of the closing stages, when both men strove desperately — one to stave off defeat, the other to obtain that elusive match point — kept the gallery at a fever-pitch of excitement.

No fewer than five match-points did Tsui save before he attempted a smash which landed off the court to end a match that for sheer excitement has probably never been equalled in a Colony tournament.

In striking contrast to all previous games on Stand Court, seating accommodation yesterday was taxed to the uttermost and I don't suppose there were more than half a dozen seats unoccupied in either section of the court.

CONDITIONS IMPROVE

Conditions at the outset must have been rather trying to the players as there was a distinct glare. When the sun went down, however, it was ideal, the heat of an hour earlier giving way to pleasant coolness.

As mentioned earlier, the standard of tennis yesterday would not have been favourably received in a club junior tournament and for that Rumjahn was the chief cause.

As I saw it he realised that the only way to beat Tsui, by far the better player in every respect normally, was to make him play the game that least suited him. And that is what he did.

On very few occasions did Rumjahn make any effort to speed up the rallies—rather he concentrated on slicing and slow half-court shots which threw Tsui's whole game out of gear.

It was distinctly noticeable that when Sirdar did let loose a drive, Tsui usually returned it with interest. Consequently I do not think that Tsui's defeat can be attributed to the fact that he was off form but rather to Rumjahn's fine generalship.

Rumjahn's most impressive stroke in both his matches against his cousin, was his top-spin forehand drive, with which he showed remarkable accuracy. Yesterday he preferred the slice, which kept low and made a hard return a virtual impossibility. On no occasion did he attempt anything spectacular and in the second and third sets, which he won, it was chiefly on Tsui's errors that he secured his points.

Sirdar, except in the last two sets, was never lobbing with his wonted accuracy, although when he did go in to volley, he was seldom found wanting. In this connection special mention must be made of his spectacular cross-court volleys on the forehand, usually made when Tsui was least expecting anything in the nature of an attacking shot.

SPEED MIGHT HAVE WON

Tsui, disconcerted by Sirdar's pat-ball and slicing methods in the first

RUMJAHN'S SPECTACULAR COMEBACK

S. A. Rumjahn, in beating Tsui Wai-pui yesterday, prevented the former champion from winning the title for the third year in succession. It is noteworthy that S. A. last won the title as long ago as 1935, since when he has only been in the final once—in 1937 when Tsui was in Europe and H. D. won the title.

Rumjahn's first title was secured in 1927 and subsequent successes were in 1932/3 and 1935.

set, rarely attempted to hit hard, and thus placed himself on equal terms with his opponent whom he might have beaten by speed and speed alone.

He did have the better service, as several useful aces in the final set were witness, but it cannot be said that he was the master of Rumjahn in any other phase of the game.

Nevertheless I think that it was as much over-confidence as anything that caused the champion's downfall. When he pulled up from a deficit of 4-5 in the first set and eventually won it at 8-6, he appeared to have overcome the unorthodox methods which Rumjahn was pursuing. Apparently content with having established his superiority, however, he was very casual in the next two sets, probably refusing to believe that the former champion could possibly stand the strain of a five-set match.

When he began to open up in the fourth set and forced matters somewhat from the forecourt, it appeared that he had the match in hand.

He took this set at 6-2 and once again appeared to have established his mastery.

When Rumjahn took the first two games in the fifth set, however, Tsui, who until now appeared quite confident of the outcome, began to show some doubts. He secured the third game for 1-2, lost the next, drew up to 2-3, after Rumjahn had made a great effort to take a 4-1 lead, but there he stayed.

TSUI PLAYED AT OWN GAME

With a lead of 5-2, it was felt that only a miracle could save Tsui from defeat, and so it transpired. In the closing stages he resorted to pat-ball methods, tossing the ball high in the air and hoping for mistakes from Rumjahn. The latter was not having



S. A. RUMJAHN

ARMY HOCKEY FINAL

The final of the Army Large Units' Hockey Tournament will be played at Sookunpoo this afternoon, when Kumaon Rifles will meet the H.K.S., Royal Artillery.

The G. O. C. Major-General Grassett will present the Cup at the conclusion of the match.

KWONG WAH SPORTS

The Kwong Wah Athletic Association are holding their Annual Sports on Sunday, at 10 a.m., on the Police Football ground, Boundary Street.

All members and friends are cordially invited.

Jewish Recreation Club beat Y.M.C.A. 7-2 at badminton last night at the Jewish Club. The only Y.M.C.A. pair to win were E. Zulauff and R. Johnston. A return match will be played on May 15.

MANILA TOURING TEAM WIN LAST MATCH

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

AFTER A VERY THRILLING and well-contested match, Chung Hwa Girls' Basketball touring team from Manila, who played three full "quarters" without a single change, revealed their superiority to beat Hong Kong Stars by 15 points to 13, after leading by only one point (7-6) at the end of the first half.

The game was played before a capacity crowd at H. K. Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night in aid of the Chinese wounded and refugees. It may be recalled that the visitors were beaten by H. K. Stars in their first match by 27 points to 23.

Miss Alice Chen, captain of the team, was very reliable and gave an excellent performance. She scored 4 points (one goal and two foul goals); the only goal she netted was a very clean shot at about 20 feet range.

Miss Josefa Go worked as hard as in her previous games and she defended stoutly, giving little scope to Hong Kong forwards. She also netted two foul goals.

any! When he saw an opportunity he crashed home a winner either overhead or on the volley, but for the most part he was quite content to play the same game.

In the eighth game Rumjahn, on his own service, led 40-15. Tsui drew up and levelled, subsequently to take the game.

In the ninth, the final game, Tsui had the lead but his opponent drew up to deuce on a net-cord and failed with two match points before Tsui bungled his smash to end the strain both to the players and the spectators.

This match will probably go down in history. In my recollection no champion, apparently as firmly established as Tsui, has ever been dethroned. It is particularly fitting that the man to accomplish this feat was Sirdar Rumjahn, one of the most gallant and sporting figures ever to have played any game in the Colony.

CLUB HANDICAP FINAL

An interesting game was witnessed at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, when the final of the Club Handicap Doubles was decided.

B. O'M Deane and N. Spence (minus 4.5) won, beating C. B. Nicholson and G. V. Hobbs by two sets to one, after losing the first set. Nicholson was unfortunate to sprain his leg.

SCORE

B. O'M Deane and N. Spence (-4.5) beat C. B. Nicholson and G. V. Hobbs (-2.5) 4-6, 6-3 and 6-2.

Her co-guard, Miss Sally Wong gave her every support and scored one good goal (two points) in the second "quarter."

GOOD COMBINATION

The forwards, composed of Miss Alice Chen, Miss Victoria Tan and Miss Cary Ong, appeared much faster and stronger than the H. K. Stars. They combined very soundly with long and short inter-passing and improved as the game progressed.

Hong Kong turned out their full team except for Miss Lau Sui-kwong, who was not available last night.

The defence was rather weak and on many occasions allowed the visiting forwards to get into throwing range. The forwards, however, did better and caused much worry to the Manila guards.

THE PLAY

Hong Kong opened the scoring through Miss Suen Yuk-ming, when she was awarded a free throw. The visitors were, however, given two similar opportunities, equalised and took the lead through Miss Victoria Tan. Miss Lee Shun-yu registered a clean shot, shortly after one of her forwards was awarded a free throw, for Hong Kong to lead by two points.

Near the end of the first half, Miss Cary Ong netted two goals in quick succession to place Manila girls in a two points' lead. Hong Kong however, returned with a goal through Miss Chan Chai-chan to equalise. The latter team were given a free throw and led 7-6 before the interval.

In the second "quarter," both sides tried hard but were unable to score until the last three minutes when Misses Sally Wong and Victoria Tan

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THOMPSON'S SUCCESS

G. Thompson (22) won the second British War Organisation Fund competition at Fanling in March and April, with a score of five up. Other scores were M. E. Kelly (21) and J. M. Pearson (18) four up; J. Moffat (15) and C. F. Drayton Wilkinson (15) three up; W. J. E. McKenzie (16) two up and C. M. Starr (10), T. M. Pearce (13) (twice) and L. J. C. Loch (8) one up.

Total entries at Fanling were 240.

MANILA TOURING TEAM EASTERN'S WIN LAST MATCH VICTORY

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scored a further four points to lead 11-6 for Manila girls.

Four minutes before the end of the last "quarter," both teams were level, but Miss Alice Chen, drew the Hong Kong guards out of position and scored the winning goal just before about the whistle.

MANILA			
	No. of Fouls	Goals	Foul Goals
Alice Chen	3	1	2
Victoria Tan	1	1	1
Cary Ong	0	2	0
Josefa Go	0	0	2
Sally Wong	1	1	0
Total Points			15

H.K. STARS

Lee Shun-yu	2	1	1
Chan Chai-chen	4	1	0
Chan Wing-tong	1	2	1
Ngan Seu-yung	3	1	0
Lam Shum-ping	0	0	0
Suen Yuk-ming	4	0	1
Chan Wai-hing	0	0	0
Total Points			13

F. A. COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's offices on Monday, May 6, at 5.30 p.m.

Prior to the Girls' game, Eastern obtained a narrow victory over "Sin Tao Jih Pao" in a friendly match in the same Hall by 28 points to 27, after leading 19 points to 9 at the interval.

The losers appeared likely to cause an upset in the later stages but were repulsed by the Eastern guards.

EASTERN

	No. of Fouls	Goals	Foul Goals
Chan Sau-luk	4	0	1
Tan Fook-hing	0	0	0
Hui Man-fui	0	1	0
Chul-hung	3	6	4
Hong Yuen-chung	0	2	0
Ng Sun-chau	4	1	1
Ma Chan-hee	4	1	0
Total Points			28

YACHTING

Following are the results of a sweepstake race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 8.7 miles:

	Finished Pos.
Allsa (Capt. W. A. Ingram)	5.07.44 1
Joss (Capt. G. E. Neve)	5.10.42 2
Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills)	5.12.31 3
La Linda	D.N.F. 0

"SIN TAO JIH PAO"

Li Put-check	3	1	0
Day Fok-sing	1	2	3
Lo Chen-hon	2	0	1
Lai Se-kei	1	2	1
Sun Chung-kin	0	2	0
Ma Tun-yen	0	0	0
Poon Yeu-kwan	1	0	0
Chan Se-bun	2	0	0
Li Shan-ming	2	0	2
Leung Kwok-dock	2	2	2
Total Points			27

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators and Others to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 3rd MAY, 1940 commencing at 2:30 p.m.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
		Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4275. Between Fa Yuen Street and Sai Yee Street.	n.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 22,500	\$14	\$58,250
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
		New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2798. Between Castle Peak Road and Wing Wah Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 5,400	\$74	\$4,050
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
		New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2798. Between Castle Peak Road and Yen Chou Street.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 6,300	\$115	\$12,800
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PAN-SLAV BOGEY REVIVED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Fascist quarters are most concerned over the approaching agreement between Yugo-Slavia and the Soviet, which would extend Soviet influence to the Adriatic.

The Italian press stresses the fact that Belgrade advocated a rapprochement for economic and political motives.

Fears are expressed that the Soviet is embarking on the traditional Pan-Slav policy aiming at the protection of all Slav countries in central Europe.—Havas.

Mission Returning Soon

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

The Yugo-Slav trade delegation now in Moscow will probably leave for home in eight or ten days time; the trade talks are progressing favourably.

The two Governments contemplate the conclusion of a trade agreement, including an agreement on navigation and a clearing agreement.

The Yugo-Slavians wish to purchase Russian oil and cotton in exchange for copper and other metals, meat and other agricultural products.

The opinion is expressed that resumption of diplomatic relations will follow.—Havas.

ITALIAN SHAKE-UP RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Much interest has been displayed in the rumours of a shake-up in the Italian Cabinet and Diplomatic Service which would bring the pro-Nazi element to the fore.

Roberto Farinacci, who it is rumoured will replace Count Ciano as Foreign Minister, is the Jew-baiting pro-Nazi editor of "Regime Fascista."

The reshuffle is connected with the possible participation of Italy in the war on the side of Germany.

Leading Italian quarters have not yet reacted to the British decision to close the Mediterranean to British ships.—Havas.

VALUE OF DUCE'S ASSURANCE QUERIED

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Local British quarters assert the talk was cordial and deny rumours that Notes were exchanged.—Havas.

Airways Change Route

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

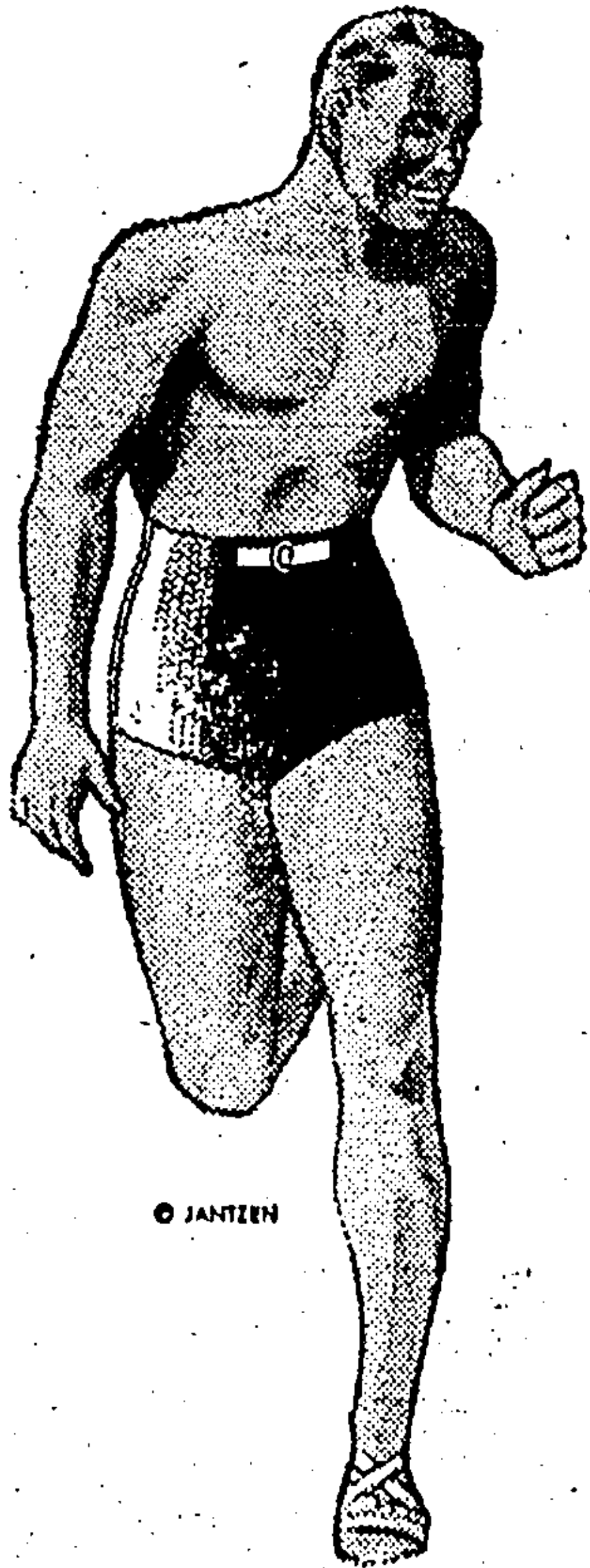
Imperial Airways planes, the destination of which is the Near East and Middle East, and which usually stop near Rome, will not call in Italy but will land either at Athens or Marseilles.—Havas.

Germans "Jubilant"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

German quarters are jubilant at the (Continued on Next Col.)



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London, To-day.

Details of Tuesday's night's raid on Stavanger were given by one of the British pilots early this morning.

The pilot described how he saw a British plane hit the runway of the aerodrome with a bomb. Another plane score a hit with a salvo of heavy bombs near the intersection of the runway.

The first two British planes then went off towards the sea, heavily attacked by six Messerschmidts.

The pilot continued: "We ourselves were about two miles from the coast when two Messerschmidts closed in on our aircraft."

"My rear gunner concentrated on the starboard fighter, firing four bursts at it, after which it turned away, burst into flames and fell into the sea."

"The other fighter broke off the attack and returned to the coast."

"Shortly afterwards another Messerschmidt came up. We had a running fight for a full thirty minutes. We were almost skimming the sea and countered each of his attacks. Although he let off a lot of fire there was no mark on our aircraft when we got back."

"My front gunner got in a couple of direct hits and after the second there was a small explosion in the Messerschmidt's rear-gun position and pieces were seen to fall from the plane. After that he broke away, but as he was still under control, he cannot be counted a certain victim."

The bomb aimer of another aircraft said he saw the outline of the hangar and they were pretty certain that at least two bombs went through the roof and exploded inside.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

According to Chinese reports, Chinese puppet forces on Lappa Island are constructing defences on the Island.—Our Own Correspondent.

London, To-day.

Newspaper comments on the position in Norway are scarce this morning; they obviously await Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the Commons to-day, although the opinion is expressed that with fighting continuing fiercely in the Dombaas and other regions, no details that might be useful to the enemy can be given at present.

"The Times" devotes its editorial to the attitude of Sweden and other neutrals. It says the latest developments in the war have united Sweden as never before in defence of its independence and neutrality. The massed parade of workers in Stockholm was not confined to Socialists but was made up of all parties. There can be no doubt Sweden's preparedness for all emergencies is now such as to command respect.

Referring to the fate of countries conquered by the German armies, the journal says in both Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, the military conquest has been followed as it would be followed elsewhere by a deliberate policy of destroying the soul and character of the invaded race. It is not enough these days for states within the reach of Germany merely to have a policy of avoiding war; that is a dangerous sentiment which Nazi Germany knows well how to exploit.

It is absolutely necessary for any nation that means to survive to be determined to defend its independence and its honour, as are Sweden and other neighbours of Germany.

The moderate and even friendly tone recently adopted by the Nazi Government towards Sweden shows some recognition of her high spirit. The testing time has come for all countries. It tries out the strength of the spirit as well as of the right arm.—Reuter.

British decision to close the Mediterranean temporarily to British merchant shipping, saying that this is a "retreat" and a "practical victory for the totalitarian powers."

The move will compel the Allies to lengthen the vital links with their Empires, the same quarters say, and this will undoubtedly aid the German cause.—Havas.

COASTAL TRADE GOES ON (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

Coastal traffic inside the Mediterranean remains unchanged.—Havas.

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